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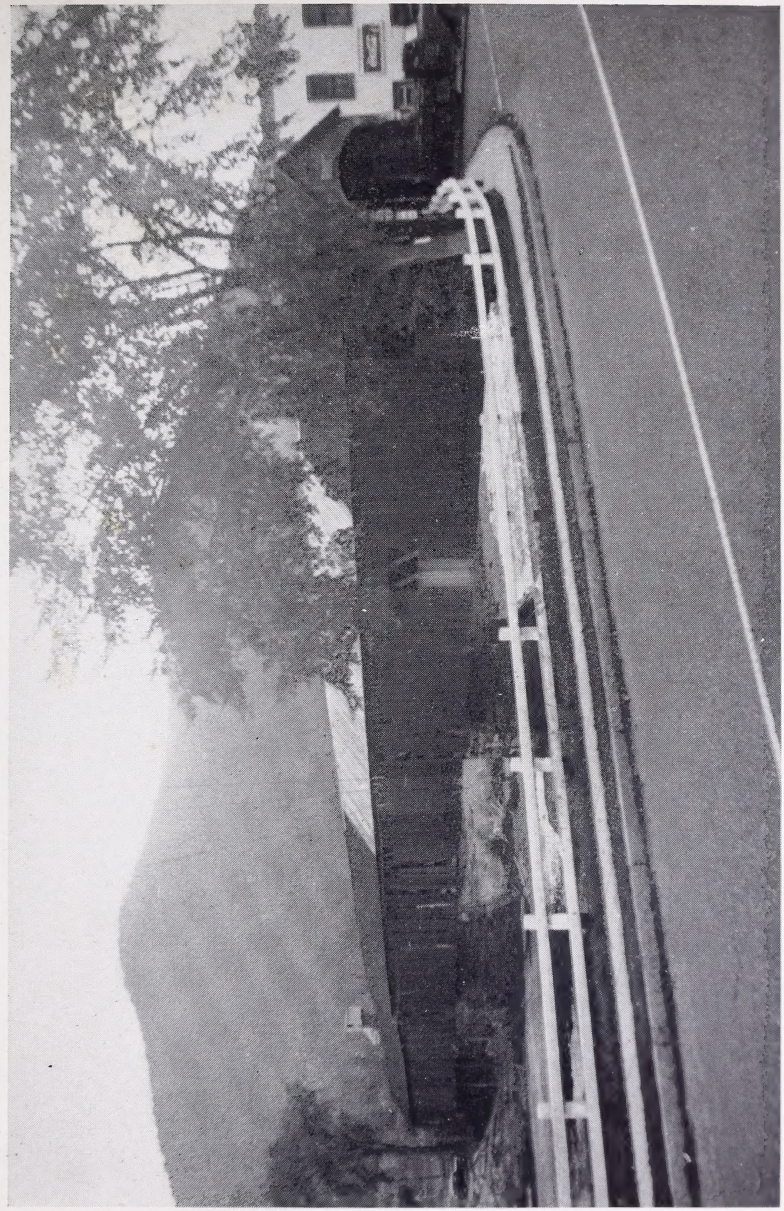

One Hundred and Seventy-Fifth

Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Charlemont

Year Ending December 31st

1940

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1940

Board of Selectmen

HORACE E. WARFIELD, *Chairman*
Term expires 1940

WINSTON HEALY, *Clerk*
Term expires 1941

FRANK J. WELLS
Term expires 1942

Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

HORACE E. WARFIELD

WINSTON HEALY

FRANK J. WELLS, *Agent*

Board of Health

HORACE E. WARFIELD

FRANK J. WELLS

WINSTON HEALY

DR. F. O. MATHEWS, *Agent*

School Committee

HENRY L. AVERY, *Chairman*
Term expires 1940

EMILY CANEDY
Term expires 1941

ALFRED E. BURDETT
Term expires 1942

WALTER E. LANE, *Superintendent of Schools*

Board of Assessors

FRANCIS W. AVERY, *Chairman*
Term expires 1940

ERNEST W. PAYNE
Term expires 1941

WINIFRED E. SPEAR
Term expires 1942

Library Trustees

ELBERT F. SPEAR, *Chairman*
Term expires 1940

OLIVE A. COOLEY
Term expires 1941

MARY WARNER
Term expires 1942

LAVERNIE C. SMITH, *Librarian*

Clerk

MARY L. CARPENTER

Tax Collector

FRED O. BICKNELL

Treasurer

PHILLIP D. LEGATE

Park Commission

WILLIAM R. BURT

AVIS M. CHURCHILL

HARRY LEGATE

Auditor

HARRY LEGATE

Tree Warden

ALBERT L. VEBER

Constables

Fred O. Bicknell — Clyde Churchill
Walter A. Henderson

Fire Chief

Frank J. Wells

Sealer of Weights

Clyde Churchill

Road Superintendent

Paul E. Heist

Physician

Dr. F. O. Mathews

Red Cross Nurse

Carolyne Reed, R.N.
(Madeleine L. Smith, R.N. *pro tem.*)

Dog Officer

Walter A. Henderson

Milk Inspector

Paul Doneilo

Superintendent Gypsy Moth

Roy A. Hicks

Inspector of Buildings

Frederick Warner

Inspector of Animals

Ernest W. Payne

Inspectors of Slaughtering

Dr. Charles E. Streeter — Ernest W. Payne
Albert L. Veber

Fence Viewers

Francis W. Avery — Harry F. Hawkes
Ernest W. Payne

Field Drivers and Pound Keepers

Frank O. Lyman — Orlo J. Hager
Ernest W. Payne

Weighers

Harry Legate — Theron Taylor
Thomas Neary

Measurers of Wood and Bark

Herman Harris — Harry Legate
Will C. Turner — Francis Avery

Measurers of Lumber

Walter M. Pratt — Will C. Turner
Daniel Oakes — Herman Harris

Burial Agents

John McHaffie — Ernest W. Whitaker

'TWAS EVER THUS

The following excerpts from the Annual Report of 1875 are a reminder that, in spite of the apparent changes which the Town has seen in the last fifty years, a good many of our problems are perennial.

"The repairs of highways have been cared for by twenty Surveyors, chosen by the town and subject to the order of the Selectmen. The plan has its friends as well as its enemies, and it is for the town to consider and decide what is best, and at the least expense for the best roads, and we recommend that whatever plan may be adopted, that you raise and appropriate a sum for the repair of bridges. . . .

"We did not build a hearse house and buy a hearse as the town voted, for the reason that we were unable to procure a suitable building lot at a reasonable price; and a better reason we give is, you did not vote to raise the money to pay for it. If the town wants a hearse, let them raise and appropriate the money, and then at the close of the year you will not be in debt for it.

"The affairs of the Town Farm are in a satisfactory condition. The Town's Poor have been well taken care of; are comfortable and contented.

"The suit of Lewis Johnson for land damage has been settled by the court. . . .

"The damage to J. N. Porter, for injury to his horse on the highway has been settled. . . .

"There are still two claims for damage sustained on the highway that remain unsettled. . . .

"The claim of L. W. Temple for his wife backing off the bank . . . is $200. . . ."

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The 1940 Annual Report marks the 175th time that the officers of Charlemont have reported their doings to the inhabitants of the town. It is a pleasure to report this year that the affairs of the town, from an administrative point of view, are excellent. The purpose of this report is to set forth a general resumé of the year's activities and a detailed account of expenditures of the various appropriations voted at the last annual meeting.

The year has been distinguished by three outstanding events: the acquisition of the old Fairgrounds for a Town park, the acquisition of the Tyler Memorial Library which came to the Town as a bequest of the late Fred L. Tyler, and the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Town's incorporation. The first and last of these are almost inseparable, because the Fairgrounds formed a perfect setting for the Celebration and contributed immeasurably to the great success of the latter.

The Celebration was held September 13–14–15 under the auspices of the Old Home Day Association and other organizations, although the efforts of all the townspeople were responsible in no small measure for the excellence of the event. The festivities commenced on Friday night with a costume dance in the Town Hall, featuring the performance of a minuet by four couples who had presented the same number at the 150th Anniversary, twenty-five years before.

On Saturday, a monster parade organized by the Patrick J. Coyne Post, American Legion, made its way under perfect skies from the Buttonball tree to the Fairgrounds. The grounds fairly gleamed in the bright sunlight, having been splendidly refurbished for the events which were to take place. There followed sports and a drum corps competition, and general reuning on the part of Old Home Day visitors, made especially enjoyable by the beautiful surroundings in which it occurred. The afternoon was devoted to a speaking program including a dedication of the Park, but featured by a

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ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUND

Road	Drainage	Dragging and Scraping	Gravel Patch Amt.	Gravel Patch Dist.	Signs	Bituminous Patching	Slides and Wash-outs	Shldrs.	Sand	Surface Amt.	Surface Dist.	Brush	Total
Zoar	$65.01	$69.20	....	....	....	$64.70	$281.05	$15.50	$131.10	$349.20	4200	$24.60	$1,000.36
Rowe	....	50.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	140.10	476.80	3900	....	666.90
Mine	122.18(1)	129.97(1)	$54.50	500	....	100.80	49.40	21.50	174.00	701.17	7400	38.80	1,392.32
Vincent	3.20	27.60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6.00	36.80
Warner Hill	8.00	113.75	47.80	2700	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	169.55
Burrington	5.40	41.10	48.20	450	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.70	105.40
Harris Mt.	29.10	152.00	95.10	850	....	....	10.00	....	....	....	....	28.50	314.70
Heath Branch	....	5.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6.00	11.00
Tatro	113.45(2)	121.80(2)	194.00	2560	$4.00	....	18.53	....	....	....	....	15.00	466.78
Hicks	....	11.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.60	15.60
Legate Hill	17.50	188.00	357.62	850	4.00	54.60	10.20	....	33.00	131.16	2000	14.60	810.68
Tower	30.50(3)	58.60(3)	158.80	700	2.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.00	260.40
Turner	....	10.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.00
Gilead	....	10.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.00
Streeter	14.00	29.80	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	43.80
West Hawley	220.80	75.60	13.00	....	2.50	39.63	....	19.73	163.80	245.93	2100	10.00	790.99
Ford	....	12.50	77.99	850	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	90.49
South River	9.30	132.80	339.80	1570	2.50	....	....	....	....	7.50	300	19.60	511.50
Dodge	10.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.00
East Hawley	3.53	70.65	499.70	1600	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10.00	583.88
Warfield	....	47.70	136.10	750	....	....	....	....	....	145.00	2000	2.10	330.90
Sherman	....	....	11.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11.00
Riddle	....	....	23.60	....	....	9.93	....	....	33.00	62.50	1000	5.00	134.03
Avery	503.32(4)	111.50	323.60	1400	4.00	....	65.80	....	....	....	....	14.60	1,022.82
Burnt Hill	60.17	31.50	24.80	60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.00	118.47
West Oxbow	21.03	118.43	173.39	550	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8.00	320.85
East Oxbow	13.85	48.53	97.25	600	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12.30	171.93
Richmond	....	18.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18.00
North River	36.59	62.70	56.30	350	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12.30	167.89
Colrain	2.00	10.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12.00
Johnson	2.00	10.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12.00
Creamery Ave.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6.87	400	....	6.87
Hight Street	....	....	....	....	....	66.40	....	....	33.00	70.19	1700	2.50	172.09

(1) 15″ x 34′ culvert installed (2) 15″ x 20′ culvert installed (3) 12″ x 24′ culvert installed
(4) 15″ x 24′ culvert installed; 60″ x 22′ culvert installed

splendid address of His Excellency, Governor Leverett Saltonstall, who came to help celebrate the anniversary.

On Saturday night a gala pageant, "Highlights of Charlemont," was presented in Goodnow Hall. It had to be presented twice to accommodate the crowds which were present. Under the extremely able direction of Mrs. May P. Harris and Mrs. Arthur Simmons, who were competently assisted by persons too numerous to mention, the pageant was a remarkable event.

The program was concluded on Sunday with special Church Services, and a general feeling that the Anniversary had been a tremendous success. Great praise is due all who gave large amounts of time and effort to this well-nigh perfect celebration, and especially to the Old Home Day Committee. Eight hundred feet of motion pictures of the events were taken in full color, and have been treated with a special preserving process so that these great days can be readily perpetuated in the memory of the Town.

An event which promises to enlarge its influence through the years to come was the acquisition of the Tyler Memorial Library. This consists of the Main Street home of the late Fred L. Tyler, for many years a Library Trustee, who generously bequeathed it to the Town. In addition, specific bequests were made for the purpose of remodeling the house and for providing a marker. Although renovation has not yet begun, it is hoped the library will be ready for use early in 1941. Eventually the library will also receive the income on certain other monies for maintenance purposes. Our gratitude to Fred Tyler will be expressed through the years as the library becomes an increasing asset to the Town.

Another step forward, which deserves to rank with the foregoing, was the honorable discharge, after thirteen years, of the old fire engine and its replacement by a fine new piece of equipment. The new outfit has thoroughly lived up to its splendid appearance, and the Town can take pride in its ownership, as well as satisfaction in the superior fire protection it affords.

Highways—A considerable portion of the Town's annual expense is devoted to road work, although a good

deal of the money is not raised by the Town but received in special grants from the State. This year the usual Chapter 81 grant of $150 per mile on the Town's 49 miles of road was received and added to the Town appropriation of $2,450. This money was spent on general maintenance of all roads in accordance with the accompanying chart. 4,500 yards of gravel were applied under this chapter.

A Chapter 90 grant of $1,000 from the State and a like amount from the County was added to the Town's $1,000 and spent on the West Hawley Road. Surface drainage, gravel, fencing and general preparatory work was done with the expectation of applying hard surface next year. With a normal appropriation in 1941 it is hoped that this road can be completely hard-topped to the Hawley line. 5,700 yards of gravel were applied under this chapter.

Late in the summer the Town had the opportunity to obtain about 3,000 yards of fill and the use of two trucks and a steam shovel, without cost, from a WPA project which was dredging in the Deerfield River near the Florida bridge. It seemed an excellent chance to relocate a section of the Zoar Road from the Florida bridge eastward about 3,000 feet, a section which has always been a most difficult and expensive proposition to maintain, especially in winter. Upon application to the State Department of Public Works we were granted $2,000 for this work, provided the Town spend $500. The New England Power Company was willing to give us a new right of way without cost, and the work proceeded. Although the road will need some additional work on it next year, it is a distinct improvement and should result in definite economy of maintenance.

In addition, there were small State grants either left over from 1939 or made in 1940 for specific small jobs on certain roads.

Owing to the comparative severity of the winter, and the fact that there were early storms in December of the current year, there were insufficient funds in the Snow, Roads and Bridges account to keep the roads clear of snow. As a result it became necessary to draw rather sharply on Reserve Fund. The Board feels it

advisable to appropriate adequate amounts in this account each year, as in addition to snow removal some money should be spent on bridges, on the purchase of snow fence, and on highway railings.

ROAD MACHINERY EARNINGS

	Snow Roads	*Chapter 81*	*Chapter 90*	*Avery Road*	*Tatro Road*	*Total*
Pickup	$42.60	$90.40	$23.29	$2.80	....	$159.09
Truck 3	406.10	717.90	313.50	38.90	$6.60	1,483.00
Truck 4	396.30	586.40	339.90	8.80	6.60	1,338.00
Snow Plow	9.00	.....	.....	....	....	9.00
T–35	236.00	207.50	487.50	....	15.00	946.00
T–20	234.00	345.00	12.00	....	....	591.00
Maintainer	.....	19.25	.....	....	....	19.25
Scraper	.....	57.00	.....	....	....	57.00
Sander	4.75	.....	.....	....	....	4.75
	$1,328.75	$2,023.45	$1,176.19	$50.50	$28.20	$4,607.09

Machinery—It has been the Board's policy to keep Town equipment in the best possible condition, and to replace machinery by trade-in when it appeared advantageous to do so. Town equipment each year earns substantial amounts which are returned to the Treasury, and the use of this money for machinery maintenance means economy in the long run. This year the smaller, or T-20 tractor, was traded in, as was the old Reo pickup truck. In addition, a road sanding machine was purchased, which should accomplish increased safety of winter travel at reduced cost to the Town.

While our equipment is in excellent shape considering its age, we are faced with the serious drawback that both tractors and both trucks are of exactly the same age, so that it may be difficult to stagger the replacement of these items from year to year.

The old machinery shed, in accordance with the vote at the annual meeting, was sold at auction and brought $26.

Welfare—With the exception of 1937, this year's Welfare expenses have been the highest of any year during the last five. However, of the total amount spent,

only $1,922.31 must be paid by the Town, the balance representing cases supported entirely by the State or by other towns. This compares with a net cost to the Town last year of $1,267.02. In all probability it will not be possible to reduce Welfare expenses in 1941.

Old Age Assistance—For the first time since the Old Age Assistance law was passed, expenses this year showed a reduction, although small, from the previous year's expenses. Of the total of $15,109.76, approximately one-sixth represents the net cost to the Town, the balance being paid by the State and Federal governments. Although it is difficult to anticipate Old Age Assistance expenses, they will in all probability remain close to the present level for several years until the effects of the Social Security Act begin to be felt, when a gradual reduction should be expected.

Insurance—Starting in 1941 we are inaugurating a new system of Town insurance whereby the coverage of Town property will be more nearly adequate. Under the so-called "scheduling" system of municipal property, we will obtain almost double the coverage that we have previously had at no increase in net expense. Although there is an apparent increase in cost during the first year that premiums are paid, which will be 1941, the cost over a period of five years, which is the policy term, is actually less than the amount which we have been paying for a smaller amount of insurance.

General—During the year the Town has been faced with two claims for damages. The first represented damages resulting from the relocation of a portion of the Mine Road across property of Fred Fuller after the flood of 1938. The second represented the loss of a water supply by F. A. Thayer, which was apparently caused by dredging of the brook adjacent to his property. Both these claims were settled by payments which, in the Board's opinion, represented fair settlements.

In accordance with State law, the boundaries of the Town were perambulated with representatives of all abutting towns, and the markers renewed in the proper manner.

Minor improvements were made in the Selectmen's rooms by installing new furniture, a new lighting fixture,

and the purchase of a new typewriter. It should be pointed out that the Town possesses no adequate facilities for the storage of important records and documents which would inevitably be lost in the case of fire, resulting in extreme confusion and financial loss to the Town. The Board unhesitatingly recommends that a fireproof vault be built into the Town Hall.

Attention should also be called to the fact that the slate roof on the Town Hall is badly in need of repair, and steps should be taken to meet this condition.

Throughout the year the Board has continued its efforts to secure replacement of that part of the Mine Road which has not been rebuilt since the flood. Replacement of the Long Bridge has also been sought on all possible occasions, and there is some slight hope that the General Court will appropriate money for that purpose in the approaching session.

However, by far the most serious question facing the Town is that of how it is to preserve its comparatively high standard of living in the face of the loss of industries which has been taking place. Unless there is to be drastic reduction in the number and kind of services which the Town performs at the present time, we will be faced with an increasingly high tax rate, barring one of two possibilities. Either some substantial industry must locate in town, or the volume of tourist and summer business increase to the point where it becomes a source of considerable revenue. This question is one which is receiving the attention of the Board, and should be getting the serious consideration of all townspeople.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town in its 175th year, and our gratitude is expressed to all those who have so willingly cooperated in promoting its interests.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace E. Warfield,
Winston Healy,
Frank J. Wells,
Selectmen.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

	Chapter 81	*Snow Roads*
Paul Heist, superintendent	$704.98	$311.84
Russell Stafford	445.60	179.60
Elmer Sherman	420.00	157.20
William Gilbert	349.60	140.00
Norman Hawkes	382.00	158.80
Wilbur Burnett	52.40	20.00
Lawrence Tinney	251.20	152.40
John McHaffie	406.80	128.40
Claude Heist	27.60	.....
Lawrence Gilbert	145.20	15.20
Dorman Orr	30.40	.....
A. Gould	7.20	.....
Richard Dickinson	16.00	64.00
Warren Andrews	16.80	5.60
Ernest Lively	.....	60.40
H. E. Warfield	.....	1.60
Town Truck pickup	90.40	42.60
Town Truck No. 3	717.90	406.10
Town Truck No. 4	586.40	396.30
Town Snow Plow	.....	9.00
Town Tractor, T-35	207.50	236.00
Town Tractor, T-20	345.00	234.00
Town Sander	.....	4.75
Town Maintainer	19.25	.....
Town Scraper	57.00	.....
C. H. Willey, tractor	.....	27.00
C. H. Willey, truck	174.00	6.00
C. H. Willey, bulldozer	.....	16.00
C. H. Willey, steam rig	20.00	.....
C. H. Willey, mixer	26.00	.....
C. H. Willey, shovel	433.12	.....
L. C. Germain, steamer	.....	52.50
L. C. Germain, sand spreader	18.90	.....
Paul Heist, truck	286.50	.....
F. Streeter, shovel	315.00	.....
Carl Andrews, truck	238.50	.....
H. Ellsworth, truck	4.50	.....
Fred Fuller, gravel	117.20	.....
H. Hawks, gravel	271.20	.....
F. Hunkler, gravel	4.80	.....
C. H. Willey, gravel	38.00	.....
H. Shaw, gravel	35.89	.....
E. Harris, gravel	12.70	.....
F. Burrington, gravel	82.00	.....
Frank J. Wells, supplies	9.50	10.90

	Chapter 81	*Snow Roads*
W. N. Potter Grain, supplies	$15.50	$48.00
Boston & Maine Railroad, supplies	7.50	.55
H. E. Warfield, supplies	37.50	.....
N. E. Metal Culvert, supplies	404.67	.....
Moulton Asphalt Co., supplies	192.62	.....
Mass. Broken Stone Co., supplies	4.73	.....
H. Phillips, supplies	40.00	.....
Koppers Co., supplies	1,730.44	.....
	$9,800.00	$2,884.74

SUMMARY

Chapter 81

Appropriation	$2,450.00	
State contribution	7,350.00	
Expenditures		$9,800.00
	$9,800.00	$9,800.00

Snow Roads and Bridges

Appropriation	$2,500.00	
Expenditures		$2,884.74
Transferred from Reserve	384.74	
	$2,884.74	$2,884.74

CHAPTER 90	*West Hawley Road*	*Zoar Road*
Paul Heist, superintendence and labor	$156.00	$128.74
Russell Stafford, labor	123.40	72.40
Elmer Sherman, labor	108.00	80.80
William Gilbert, labor	116.25	7.20
Lawrence Tinney, labor	84.00	.....
John McHaffie, labor	102.50	56.40
Warren Andrews, labor	52.00	.....
Norman Hawkes, labor	98.00	80.80
Lawrence Gilbert, labor	68.00	4.80
Archie Taylor, labor	4.20	.....
Richard Dickinson, labor	.....	28.80
Town Truck No. 1	12.23	11.06
Town Truck No. 3	152.90	160.60
Town Truck No. 4	132.00	207.90
Paul Heist, trucking	129.00	184.50
Town bulldozer, T-35	135.00	352.50
Carl Andrews, trucking	72.00	168.00

	West Hawley Road	*Zoar Road*
A. L. White, trucking	.....	$33.00
Horace Ellsworth, trucking	$72.00	162.00
C. H. Willey, trucking	144.00	295.50
C. H. Willey, power shovel	437.50	315.00
A. F. Gingras, compressor	52.50	.....
Town T-20	12.00	.....
B. A. Nelson, gravel	.....	150.00
H. Hawkes, gravel	275.00	.....
Northfield Sand and Gravel Co.	14.00	.....
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, supplies	93.00	.....
New England Concrete Pipe Co., supplies	34.10	.....
Birger Metal Culvert Co., supplies	201.74	.....
New England Metal Culvert Co., supplies	47.43	.....
Comm. of Mass. Prison Industries, supplies	28.75	.....
Henry Phillips, supplies	42.50	.....
	$3,000.00	$2,500.00

SUMMARY

Chapter 90 West Hawley Road

Town appropriation	$1,000.00	
State appropriation	1,000.00	
County appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures		$3,000.00
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00

Chapter 90 Zoar Road

Town appropriation (transfer from WPA)	$450.00	
State appropriation	2,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	50.00	
Expenditures		$2,500.00
	$2,500.00	$2,500.00

STATE CONTRACT WORK

	Bridge 23	*Tatro Road*	*Avery Road*
Paul Heist, superintendence	$14.40	$3.75	$37.50
Russell Stafford, labor	10.00	2.40	32.10
Elmer Sherman, labor	10.00	2.40	25.20
William Gilbert, labor	13.60	2.40	31.25
Norman Hawkes, labor	14.40	.....	20.00
Lawrence Tinney, labor	10.00	2.40	25.00

John McHaffie, labor	$10.00	$2.40	$25.00
Town pickup	.80	.....	2.00
Town Truck No. 3	.....	6.60	38.90
Town Truck No. 4	.....	6.60	8.80
Town T-35 Bulldozer	.....	15.00	.....
Paul Heist, trucking	.....	9.00	27.00
Carl Andrews, trucking	.....	9.00	12.00
C. H. Willey, trucking	.....	9.00	9.00
Franklin Streeter, power shovel	.....	26.25	70.00
Fred Fuller, gravel	.....	12.35	19.00
Federal Land Bank, gravel	.....	.....	3.00
F. J. Wells, supplies	31.38	.....	14.25
A. L. Avery, supplies	4.29	.....	.....
	$118.87	$109.55	$400.00

SUMMARY

Bridge 23

Balance State Contract	$118.87	
Expenditures		$118.87
	$118.87	$118.87

Tatro Road

Balance State Contract	$109.55	
Expenditures		$109.55
	$109.55	$109.55

Avery Road

State Contract	$400.00	
Expenditures		$400.00
	$400.00	$400.00

BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD

(Alteration of Bridge Crossing)

Check from B. & M. R. R.	$60.15	
Koppers Co., road oil		$60.15
	$60.15	$60.15

MACHINERY

Appropriation	$4,615.25	
Paul Heist, labor		$86.21
Russell Stafford, labor		75.75
William Gilbert, labor		28.00

Norman Hawkes, labor		$60.00
Elmer Sherman, labor		60.15
Lawrence Tinney, labor		4.00
John McHaffie, labor		28.40
Lawrence Gilbert, labor		18.80
Richard Dickinson, labor		17.60
Wilbur Burnett, labor		17.60
A. F. Gingras, repairs		16.25
H. T. Ford, repairs		1.15
S. G. Gould, repairs		5.17
C. H. Willey, repairs		130.75
C. H. Willey, equipment		2,455.91
Gulf Oil Corp., supplies		695.04
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., supplies		158.65
Frank J. Wells, supplies		168.51
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		13.28
H. L. Purinton, supplies		4.20
Howard Jenkins, supplies		13.22
W. N. Potter Stores, supplies		12.26
Rome Grader Co., supplies		7.76
Southwestern Petroleum, supplies		34.61
Sullivan Badge & Stencil, supplies		3.50
F. G. Huntly Co., supplies		27.05
Registry of Motor Vehicles		10.00
International Harvester Co.		50.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		9.39
W. T. Turner, rent		120.50
Credit balance		281.54
	$4,615.25	$4,615.25

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	$1,071.96	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		$1,071.96
	$1,071.96	$1,071.96

TOWN HALL

Appropriation	$1,000.00	
James Passmore, salary		$400.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		65.81
Walter H. Smith, insurance		128.00
W. N. Potter Stores, coal		241.50
Frank J. Wells, water rent		35.00
Frank J. Wells, supplies		6.43
Gray's Drapery Shop, supplies		2.00
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		1.40
Horace E. Warfield, wood		40.00

Northampton Elec. Light Co., fixture		$20.00
Commissioner of Public Safety, inspection		5.00
Elmer Sherman, sawing wood		1.60
Lawrence Tinney, sawing wood		1.60
D. A. Lanoue, labor and supplies		40.26
Charles Pleshaw, repairs		5.50
M. C. Gould, repairs		2.50
H. E. Farrel, repairs		6.40
H. T. Ford, repairs		1.50
J. A. Brackett, repairs		2.50
Transferred from Reserve	$7.00	
	$1,007.00	$1,007.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	$400.00	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		$8.25
Frank J. Wells, supplies and fuel		46.72
H. L. Purinton, supplies		5.30
Buffalo Fire Apparatus Co., supplies		.91
W. M. Pratt, supplies		3.64
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		.24
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, supplies		.70
S. G. Gould, supplies and labor		2.05
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., fuel		20.73
F. W. Avery, repairs		10.00
A. F. Gingras, repairs		3.25
C. H. Willey, equipment		288.65
W. J. Patrick, labor		9.00
Charles Pleshaw, labor		8.00
Zoar, fire payroll		14.50
Warner Hill, fire payroll		21.50
Heath, fire payroll		18.00
Transferred from Reserve	61.44	
	$461.44	$461.44

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	$2,250.00	
Horace E. Warfield, selectman*		$320.00
Winston Healy, selectman*		320.00
Frank J. Wells, selectman*		320.00
Phillip D. Legate, treasurer		200.00
F. O. Bicknell, tax collector		300.00
Mary L. Carpenter, town clerk		100.00
Mary L. Carpenter, clerk's fees		26.00
Francis W. Avery, assessor		125.00
Winifred E. Spear, assessor		125.00

Ernest W. Payne, assessor		$125.00
Ernest W. Payne, barn inspector		50.00
Ernest W. Payne, inspection slaughtering		40.00
A. L. Veber, inspection slaughtering 1939 & 1940		66.40
Clyde Churchill, sealer		60.00
Frank J. Wells, Fire chief 1939 & 1940		50.00
Ballot clerks, Town meeting		8.00
Ballot clerks, November election		40.00
Transferred from Reserve	$25.40	
	$2,275.40	$2,275.40

*Includes $20.00 for perambulation of Town lines.

LIBRARY

Appropriation	$250.00	
Maxwell & Potter Funds, interest	40.20	
LaVernie C. Smith, librarian		$125.00
Personal Book Shop		23.90
Library Book House		85.97
Follett Book Co.		15.02
Gold Seal Publications		3.45
Nation's Business		3.00
Huntting Co.		14.95
National Geographic Society		3.00
Remington Rand		2.75
Mayfair Agency		17.45
Transferred from Reserve	4.29	
	$294.49	$294.49

CHRISTMAS TREE

Appropriation	$50.00	
Ambrose Lanoue		$3.49
Dora Turner		1.44
Frank J. Wells		.95
Horace E. Warfield		2.00
W. H. Wilson		4.00
R. Ogden		1.00
Beulah Smith		2.00
A. L. Avery & Son		11.60
S. G. Gould		9.35
Winston Healy (East Charlemont)		14.17
	$50.00	$50.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Case No.	1	$600.00
	2	670.63
	3	270.00
	4	122.00
	5	360.00
	6	297.89
	7	372.00
	8	420.00
	9	404.87
	10	360.00
	11	382.00
	12	399.50
	13	360.00
	14	360.00
	15	360.00
	16	300.00
	17	300.00
	18	360.00
	19	330.00
	20	360.00
	21	360.00
	22	408.00
	23	408.00
	24	350.00
	25	374.00
	26	360.00
	27	360.00
	28	300.00
	29	229.00
	30	262.50
	31	360.00
	32	336.00
	33	360.00
	34	360.00
	35	408.00
	36	90.00
	37	60.00
	38	270.00
	39	180.00
	40	60.00
	41	360.00
	42	360.00
	43	367.50
	44	270.00
	45	40.00
	46	82.42

Case No. 47			$100.00
48			36.45
49			65.00
50			144.00
			$15,109.76

SUMMARY

Appropriation (Town)	$9,000.00		
Expenditures		$8,100.00	$8,100.00
Transferred to Welfare		900.00	
	$9,000.00	$9,000.00	
Federal balance, Jan. 1st	$198.66		
Received during year	7,181.66		
Cancelled checks	50.00		
Expenditures		$7,009.76	7,009.76
Balance carried to 1941		420.56	
	$7,430.32	$7,430.32	$15,109.76

WELFARE

Appropriation	$3,500.00	
Case No. 1		$494.41
2		947.54
3		180.60
4		649.07
5		388.60
6		1,360.09
7		182.98
8		126.54
9		60.00
10		36.00
11		19.98
12		32.24
13		4.05
14		46.81
15		8.00
Surplus Commodity Corp.		162.08
Boston Council Social Agencies		3.00
Postage and Miscellaneous		22.36
Transferred from Reserve	122.65	
Transferred from Soldiers' Relief	100.00	
Transferred from Aid Dependent Children	225.00	
Transferred from Old Age Assistance	900.00	
Transferred from Bonding Town Officers	7.00	
Credit balance		130.30
	$4,854.65	$4,854.65

STATE AND FEDERAL PROJECTS

Appropriation	$500.00	
Expense two Boston conferences		$45.25
H. E. Warfield, telephone expense		.80
Transferred to Zoar Road project		450.00
Credit balance		3.95
	$500.00	$500.00

ADMINISTRATION OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Federal balance on hand Jan. 1st	$62.54	
Federal grants received during year	239.34	
Frank J. Wells, agent's salary		$120.00
Winston Healy, assistant agent's salary		60.00
Postage, supplies, etc.		14.81
Balance carried forward to 1941		107.07
	$301.88	$301.88

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	$100.00	
Martin Bakery, supplies		$3.00
Frank J. Wells, supplies		4.65
H. W. McLean, supplies		2.13
Ethel Clark, supplies		6.25
Maria Pierce, supplies		3.06
F. H. Brown Co., supplies		8.28
Patrick J. Coyne Post, supplies		7.02
R. D. Sawyer, speaker		25.00
W. E. Lane, drum corps		40.61
	$100.00	$100.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	$250.00	
Transferred to Welfare		$225.00
Credit balance		25.00
	$250.00	$250.00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation	$250.00	
Case No. 1		$54.00
Transferred to Welfare		100.00
Credit balance		96.00
	$250.00	$250.00

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Appropriation	$350.00	
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency		$372.08
Transferred from Reserve	22.08	
	$372.08	$372.08

INTEREST

Appropriation	$35.00	
Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts		$2.00
Shelburne Falls National Bank		8.05
Merchants National Bank		30.00
Transferred from Reserve	5.05	
	$40.05	$40.05

TRACTOR NOTE AND INTEREST

Appropriation	$1,060.00	
Merchants National Bank		$1,060.00
	$1,060.00	$1,060.00

GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION

Appropriation	$200.00	
Roy Hicks, supt.		$78.00
F. Crocker		59.60
Ray Hicks		62.00
Credit balance		.40
	$200.00	$200.00

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Appropriation	$150.00	
H. L. Avery, Treas. Old Home Day Ass'n		$150.00
	$150.00	$150.00

FIRE TRUCK

Appropriation	$5,000.00	
Buffalo Fire Apparatus Co.		$2,489.71
C. H. Willey		2,510.29
	$5,000.00	$5,000.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	$100.00	
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		$5.41
Dr. M. B. Low		50.00
Credit balance		44.59
	$100.00	$100.00

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Appropriation	$600.00	
Paid Dr. F. O. Mathews		$600.00
	$600.00	$600.00

RED CROSS NURSING SERVICE

Appropriation	$600.00	
Paid Carolyne Reed, R. C. N.		$400.00
Paid Madeleine L. Smith, R. C. N.		200.00
	$600.00	$600.00

LEGION ROOMS

Appropriation	$150.00	
Paid Walter H. Smith, rent		$150.00
	$150.00	$150.00

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	$108.00	
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency		$101.00
Transferred to Welfare		7.00
	$108.00	$108.00

OLD FAIRGROUNDS

Appropriation	$1,000.00	
Phillip A. Hart		$975.00
Fairhurst, Hayes & Herr		25.00
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

OLD CEMETERIES

Appropriation	$11.00	
Leavitt Cemetery Ass'n		$3.00
Ray Hicks, labor		5.00
Horace Warfield, labor		5.50
Huel Tower, labor		1.00
Transferred from Reserve	3.50	
	$14.50	$14.50

MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation	$1,200.00	
Board of Assessors, printing, postage, supplies		$47.66
Town Clerk, printing, postage, supplies		42.40
Board of Selectmen, printing, postage, supplies		89.91
Tax Collector, printing, postage, supplies		59.51

Treasurer, printing, postage, supplies		$61.10
Sealer, supplies		8.71
Fairhurst, Hayes & Herr, legal fees, Collector		25.00
Fairhurst, Hayes & Herr, legal fees, Selectmen		125.30
Memorial Press, town report		97.54
Constables' fees, posting warrants, etc.		15.00
Telephone		18.55
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette, adv. licenses		10.50
Ballot clerks, April primary election		8.00
Ballot clerks, September primary election		8.00
Royal Typewriter Co.		95.00
Desk Clearing House, furniture		55.80
F & E Check Protector Co., check writer		75.00
Theodore N. Waddell, certifying notes		8.00
D. A. Lanoue, labor and supplies (Jail)		10.57
Fred Fuller, damages		175.00
F. A. Thayer, damages		50.00
S. G. Gould, supplies		10.18
175th Celebration, decorating town property, signs, etc.		167.70
Bond Insurance Agency, school insurance		23.04
County Treasurer, fees for filing petitions		6.00
Transferred from Reserve	$93.47	
	$1,293.47	$1,293.47

EXCISE REFUNDS

A. E. Burdett	$9.65
D. J. Malcolm	14.74
D. C. Orr	3.82
Leon Churchill	4.92
H. A. James	3.82
W. E. Hallahan	.91
C. E. Streeter	21.42
F. J. Wells	6.55
H. L. Avery	3.64
S. G. Gould	3.28
E. B. Vincent	3.82
	$76.57

NOTES

Shelburne Falls National Bank, note paid	$5,000.00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

County Treasurer, dog licenses	$193.20
County Treasurer, county tax	2,224.92
State Treasurer, State tax	2,560.00

State Treasurer, parks and reservations		$35.61
State Treasurer, auditing town accounts		276.27
State Treasurer, Veterans' exemption		7.08
		$5,297.08

CEMETERY FUNDS

Treasurer Leavitt Cemetery		$7.00
Treasurer Village Cemetery		20.00
		$27.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Snow roads and bridges		$384.74
Welfare		122.65
Old cemeteries		3.50
Interest		5.05
Fire department		61.44
Zoar Road, Chapter 90		50.00
Town Hall		7.00
Workmen's Compensation Insurance		22.08
Miscellaneous		93.47
Officers' salaries		25.40
Library		4.29
Credit balance		470.38
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

RECAPITULATION

Welfare	$4,724.35
Machinery	4,333.71
Town Hall	1,007.00
Miscellaneous	1,293.47
Excise Refunds	76.57
Notes	5,000.00
State and County Taxes	5,297.08
Cemetery Funds	27.00
Officer's Salaries	2,275.40
Fire Department	461.44
Old Age Assistance	15,109.76
Street Lights	1,071.96
Old Age Administration	194.81
Town Physician	600.00
Red Cross Nurse	600.00
Legion Rooms	150.00
Library	294.49
Chapter 81	9,800.00
Chapter 90	3,000.00

Chapter 90 Zoar Road	$2,500.00
Snow, roads and bridges	2,884.74
Old Cemeteries	14.50
Interest	40.05
Board of Health	55.41
175th Anniversary	150.00
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	372.08
Boston & Maine Railroad	60.15
Gypsy Moth Suppression	199.60
Bonding Town Officers	101.00
Soldiers' Relief	54.00
State and Federal Projects	46.05
Tractor, note and interest	1,060.00
Bridge 23	118.87
Memorial Day	100.00
Fairgrounds	1,000.00
Tatro road	109.55
Avery road	400.00
Fire truck	5,000.00
Christmas tree	50.00
	$69,633.04

JURY LIST 1941

Dennis V. Carpenter
William P. Stafford
Wallace G. Osborn
Walter H. Smith
Fred J. Gilbert
David I. Pierson
Arthur L. Hathaway
William J. Boulli
Winston Healy
Harold R. Burt
Enrico Cetto, Jr.
Kenneth H. Cook
Burton W. Avery

Respectfully submitted,

Horace E. Warfield,
Winston Healy,
Frank J. Wells,
Selectmen.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

In view of the fact that there has been a State audit of Town accounts through December 31, 1940, no provision was made for a Town audit. The complete written report of the State auditors is set forth herewith, but, with the exception of the balance sheet, the various schedules are omitted.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Charlemont for the period from December 24, 1939, the date of the previous audit, to December 31, 1940, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The surety bonds of the town officers required to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses granted by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses issued by the treasurer. The payments were compared with the recorded receipts of the treasurer and the licenses, granted but unissued, were listed and proved.

The payments on account of debt and interest were verified by checking the cancelled securities with the amounts falling due during the period audited.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money

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TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1940

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:		
General	$16,605.30	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations	884.65	
		$17,489.95
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1936	$12.00	
Levy of 1937	61.68	
Levy of 1938	315.78	
Levy of 1939	4,143.05	
Levy of 1940	6,238.98	
		10,771.49
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1936	$4.45	
Levy of 1937	12.10	
Levy of 1938	7.90	
Levy of 1939	6.00	
Levy of 1940	110.92	
		141.37
Tax Titles		150.67

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations		$884.65
State Parks and Reservations Tax—Overestimate		2.80
Road Machinery Fund		4,888.63
Federal Grants—Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance	$420.56	
Administration	107.07	
		527.63
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		1,591.60
Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1936	$12.00	
Levy of 1937	22.72	
Levy of 1938	315.78	
Levy of 1939	91.63	
Levy of 1940	536.53	
		978.66
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	$141.37	
Tax Title	150.67	

Aid, Highways—State		442.27	State Aid to Highways	442.27	
Departmental:			Departmental	1,721.85	
Public Welfare	$925.43				2,456.16
Old Age Assistance	796.42		Surplus Revenue		19,830.50
		1,721.85			
Underestimate to be Raised by Assessors:					
Veteran's Exemption		.76			
Overdrawn Account to be Paid by State:					
Highways—Chapter 81		442.27			
		$31,160.63			$31,160.63

Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$6,500.00	Highway Department Equipment Loan	$2,500.00
		Fire Department Equipment Loan	4,000.00
	$6,500.00		$6,500.00

Trust Accounts

		Stephen Leonard School Fund	$2,869.00
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities: In Custody of Town Treasurer	$6,481.18	Maxwell Library Fund	1,000.00
		Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund	1,000.00
		Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	612.18
	$6,481.18		$6,481.18

was paid into the treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book was footed, and the cash balance on December 31, 1940, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office, by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository, and by inspection of the savings bank books.

The tax title deeds in the custody of the treasurer were listed and proved with the accounts of the collector and treasurer.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination were audited, and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were proved with the assessors' warrants committing them for collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the recorded abatements were checked to the records of the assessors.

The outstanding accounts were listed and proved and the cash on hand December 31, 1940, was proved by actual count.

The outstanding accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the records of fees charged and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts from rent of public buildings were checked with the record of rentals, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The financial accounts of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued and the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare and school departments were examined. The departmental records of charges were analyzed, the recorded

collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the disallowances and abatements were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The librarian's record of receipts for fines, etc., was checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The savings bank books representing the investment of trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed. The income was verified and the withdrawals were checked.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1940. In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust funds.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman B. Dine,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
Town of Charlemont
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1940

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Henry L. Avery, *Chairman*	Term Expires 1941
Emily Canedy	Term Expires 1942
Alfred E. Burdett	Term Expires 1943
Walter E. Lane	*Superintendent*
Horace E. Warfield	*Attendance Officer*
Floyd O. Mathews	*School Physician*
Madeline L. Smith	*School Nurse*

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	
High School	Opens Jan. 2, 1941
Elementary	Opens Jan. 6, 1941
	Closes Feb. 21, 1941
Second Winter Term	Opens Mar. 3, 1941
	Closes April 18, 1941
Spring Term	Opens April 28, 1941
High School	Closes June 13, 1941
Elementary	Closes June 6, 1941
Fall Term	Opens Sept. 2, 1941
High School	Closes Dec. 23, 1941
Elementary	Closes Dec. 19, 1941
First Winter Term	Opens Jan. 5, 1942

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

January 1, May 30, September 1, November 11, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation	$20,500.00	
Special Transfer	1,100.00	
Water Installation	600.00	
		$22,200.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' Salaries	$10,787.02	
Health	306.20	
Superintendence	1,397.05	
School Committee	150.00	
Janitors	780.00	
Transportation	4,964.80	
Tuition	353.11	
Fuel	365.75	
Books and Supplies	669.62	
Repairs	1,373.38	
Cafeteria	222.00	
Miscellaneous	230.62	
Water Installation	600.00	
		22,199.55

Expended as follows—

SALARIES

Walter D. Kipp	$2,200.00	
Emma Vincent	1,400.00	
Gladys Goddard	600.00	
Marie Carson	400.00	
Louise Eldrich	100.00	
Audrey Pettengill	822.35	
Claire Evans	168.80	
Blanche Ziegler	1,070.00	
Jeanette Hicks	950.00	
Emma Fisk	950.00	
Mabelle Felch	161.50	
Virginia Belanger	761.37	
Doris DuPont	870.00	
Pearl Mills	310.00	
Charlotte Henderson	3.00	
Roberta Henderson	2.00	
Ruth Hawkes	8.00	
Mae Carpenter	8.00	
Mary Burdett	2.00	
		10,787.02

SUPERINTENDENCE

Walter E. Lane	$1,384.88	
Office Expenses	12.17	
		1,397.05

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Henry L. Avery	$50.00	
Emily Canedy	50.00	
Alfred E. Burdett	50.00	
		$150.00

HEALTH

Carolyn Reed	$200.00	
Madeline Smith	100.00	
First Aid Materials	6.20	
		306.20

JANITORS

Will C. Turner	$756.00	
Doris DuPont	16.00	
Edwin Clark	8.00	
		780.00

TRANSPORTATION

C. H. Willey	$755.50	
Geo. Brooks	1,018.00	
W. D. Pierson	1,046.50	
A. E. Burdett	684.00	
Leslie Vincent	142.20	
Roy Hicks	499.00	
Chas. Baxter	265.50	
Henry Stanford	278.10	
Edgar Tower	128.00	
Harold Burt	148.00	
		4,964.80

TUITIONS

Town of Greenfield	$95.47	
Town of Shelburne	257.64	
		353.11

FUEL

W. N. Potter Stores	$315.75	
Henry Phillips	25.00	
W. D. Pierson	16.00	
Geo. Mathys	9.00	
		365.75
Books and Supplies		669.62

WATER INSTALLATION

Appropriation	$600.00	

Expense

Richard Gilbert	$1.60	
Henry Luce	20.00	
Chas. Pleshaw	12.00	
C. H. Willey	7.94	
John Brackett	9.00	
Horace Ellsworth	6.55	
A. E. Gingras	5.00	
S. G. Gould	483.00	
W. N. Potter Stores	30.00	
D. A. Lanoue	24.91	
		$600.00

GENERAL REPAIRS

S. G. Gould	$13.98	
H. C. Davenport	3.89	
A. L. Goodrich	11.00	
H. Wolkins	4.23	
D. A. Lanoue	13.77	
John Goodwin	2.40	
A. J. Johnson	1,164.00	
Sears, Roebuck	11.86	
J. B. Kennedy	1.32	
Hugh Tower	1.60	
C. H. Willey	1.50	
W. N. Potter	1.14	
John Brackett	14.00	
Jas. Passmore	4.00	
Noyes Foundry	35.29	
A. Gingras	12.90	
C. H. Demond	76.50	
		1,373.38

CAFETERIA

Leora Howes		222.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Northern Berkshire Gas	$148.43	
Walter Kipp	10.00	
Pro Merito	1.30	
Red Star Ribbon Co.	1.60	
Howard and Brown	12.33	
Tracy Burdick	10.50	

Geo. Ferro	$2.75	
A. E. Burdett, tel.	1.45	
Wright and Potter	4.16	
Annie Stiles	6.25	
Commissioner Public Safety	10.00	
Walter Henderson	.75	
Dorothy Phillips	5.00	
H. L. Waste	3.60	
West Disenfecting Co.	12.50	
		$230.62

It is our opinion that certain improvements should yearly be undertaken in order that conditions in schools and about the playgrounds may be kept in good repair. In accordance with these plans it is our estimate that $20,400.00 should be appropriated for the ensuing year to pay all school expenses, including the superintendent's travel expense outside the state.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. AVERY
EMILY CANEDY
ALFRED E. BURDETT

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Charlemont:

Herewith, I submit a report of the schools for the year ending December 31, 1940.

Some of the functions of a good educational system should be that of exposing pupils to opportunities of well trained citizenry and to various vocational labors as well as to the traditional three R's in education. Education should not be something apart from life, but rather something obtained by the help of civic wisdom. The adult generation, it is true, has its problems, evils, greeds, and follies. Our schools, sometimes working in such an atmosphere, must, however, patiently struggle to maintain good influences, to teach and practice courtesy, honesty, wisdom, sincerity, and the better principles of democracy. As a rule our youth are intelligently disciplined to freedom, reared in the principles of equality, and eager to share in the responsibilities and problems of community life. Our teachers daily exemplify fine civic principles in leadership and are giving excellent service in and out of schools.

Several changes in the teaching personnel have occurred during the year. Miss Claire Evans resigned to accept a position in Orange. She was succeeded by Miss Audrey Pettengill of Fremont, N. H. She is a graduate of New Hampshire State College, and is prepared to teach English and Latin. Miss Mabelle Felch resigned to teach in West Brookfield. Mrs. Pearl Mills was chosen to act as Music Supervisor and Miss Virginia Belanger, a graduate of No. Adams Teachers College, was appointed to teach in Grades One and Two. In July Miss Gladys Goddard resigned to teach in Westbrook, Maine. She was succeeded by Miss Marie Carson of Noank, Conn. Miss Carson is a graduate of New Hampshire State College and is prepared to teach French, the Commercial subjects and coach girls' athletics. All teachers not recently graduating from college,

including the music teacher, Mrs. Mills, the school nurse, Miss Reed, and the Superintendent of Schools have recently taken summer courses.

Mr. Walter D. Kipp—New York University
Mrs. Emma Vincent—North Adams Teachers College
Mrs. Jeanette Hicks—North Adams Teachers College
Mrs. Emma Fisk—North Adams Teachers College
Miss Gladys Goddard—Harvard
Miss Blanche Ziegler—Pennsylvania Teachers College
Mrs. Pearl Mills—Lasell
Miss Carolyn Reed—Richmond Institute
Mr. Walter E. Lane—Bates College

The program of studies offered at high school this year has been broadened somewhat by the addition of a Guidance Course, Household Arts Course, and a full Commercial Course. These courses are considered very practical and should greatly strengthen our school.

Mrs. Madeline L. Smith, who is acting as Red Cross and school nurse for Miss Reed, is successfuly conducting the work involved in carrying out the duties in public health. Individual health tests have been given in all schools under the direction of Doctor Floyd O. Mathews. It has been the policy to extend invitations to parents to observe the pupil examinations and hold conferences with the health workers. According to the laws of the Commonwealth regular examinations of each child must be made. Physicians may call attention to defects and make recommendations to parents. Since no school funds are available for corrections, it has been our policy to urge parents to have these corrections made, as a child with defects is not capable of making his best effort. His school progress and physical development are definitely hindered.

Many surplus commodities have been used in our cafeteria. Some of the varieties are prunes, raisins, canned apples, canned carrots, grapefruit, grapefruit juice, potatoes, butter, lard, pork, beans, eggs, flour, cereals, canned peaches, and evaporated milk. These foods have greatly aided in providing hot meals and have enabled us to give many free lunches, as well as to lower the general costs.

The gift to the schools of a 16 mm. Eastman Projector

has proved to be very helpful, as many interesting and instructive programs have at intervals been presented.

Our most important development for the year has been that of drilling an artesian well on the school grounds, at the west end of the school building in the village. A six-inch cut was made through gravel, sand and quicksand for about one hundred feet. Solid rock was encountered at this depth. A six-inch casing was driven down well into the solid rock and sealed to exclude surface drainage, sand, and gravel. A four-inch drill then was used and the well was lowered one hundred and ninety-one feet further, all in solid rock, making a total depth of two hundred ninety-one feet. Water coming from the cracks and fissures in the ledge will rise to within twelve feet of the surface. The flow of the well was tested and found to be about five gallons a minute. The water was also examined by the state chemists and reported of good quality. A single action pump run by a one horse power electric motor draws the water which is stored in a 1000 gallon pressure tank. This tank is placed about four feet under ground and projects well into the school basement.

The system has been in use only a short time but is proving adequate, supplying sufficient water for all purposes.

Resources which are due to the Town on account of schools:

Mass. School Fund, Part 1	$1,595.00
Mass. School Fund, Part 2	4,075.48
Superintendence	796.11
Special Aid to Small High Schools	946.25
Tuitions, Vocational	175.38
High School Tuitions	1,589.28
State Wards	394.50
Interest on Leonard Fund	57.56
	$9,629.56

The grounds in the rear of the Village School should be smoothed and seeded down. We expect soon to replace some of the shades in the high school rooms with much needed new shades and adjustable fixtures. The East

Charlemont School room should be redecorated and the building provided with electricity.

The general progress of the schools has been quite satisfactory. Results of various achievement tests indicate that the standard of work is excellent. Charlemont has reason to be proud of the college records of some of the high school graduates.

The continued cooperation of the School Committee, teachers, and citizens, a very helpful factor in maintaining progress in our schools, is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. LANE,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Citizens of Charlemont:

It will be of interest to the people of Charlemont and the neighboring communities to know that the courses of instruction offered by the High School have been very much broadened this year.

We now have three distinct courses of instruction to choose from, each with its special objective. These are the College Preparatory, General, and Business or Commercial courses.

The Commercial Course is entirely new and includes the following subjects: Commercial Geography, Business Training, Typewriting I and II, Stenography I and II, and Bookkeeping.

In addition to this new course the other courses have been improved by the addition of a class in Household Arts, Vocational Guidance, and Safe Driving.

These new subjects meet with the strong approval of the Department of Education and give our high school a broad and modern curriculum.

Two changes have occurred in the faculty since the last report. Miss Audrey Pettengill has taken the place of Miss Claire Evans in the English Department, and Miss Marie Carson is in charge of the new course in Business Training.

THE FACULTY

Mr. Walter D. Kipp, *Principal*—Mathematics, Science, Athletics

Mrs. E. B. Vincent—History, Social Studies, Household Arts

Miss Audrey Pettengill—English, Dramatics

Miss Marie Carson—French, Latin, Business Training, Athletics

THE ENROLLMENT FOR 1940–41

	Boys	*Girls*	*Total*
Freshmen	10	7	17
Sophomores	3	9	12
Juniors	4	5	9
Seniors	3	3	6
	20	24	44
Left	0	1	1
Total	20	23	43

THE 1940 GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional — March

Invocation — Rev. Arthur A. Simmons

Salutatory — Horace C. Burrington

Discussion: Resolved, That the United States should adopt a System of Socialized Medicine

Introduction — Nellie F. Harris

Affirmative Speakers — Elisabeth S. McHaffie, Lesley J. Wilson, Horace C. Burrington

Morning Song, R. R. Forman — Girls' Chorus

Negative Speakers — Ruth V. Knott, Mary P. Burdett, Ann E. Goodwin

"Springtime," Alfred Wooler — Girls' Chorus

Class Prophecy — Virginia M. Wells

Class Will — Donald E. Hillman

Valedictory — Ann E. Goodwin

Presentation of Awards — Mr. Walter D. Kipp, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas — Mr. Walter E. Lane, Superintendent

"God Bless America" — Chorus and Audience

THE 1940 GRADUATES

With Highest Honors

Ann E. Goodwin

With Honors

Mary P. Burdett — Lesley J. Wilson

Horace C. Burrington

Graduates

Nellie F. Harris, Donald E. Hillman, Ruth V. Knott, Elisabeth S. McHaffie, Virginia M. Wells

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THE 1940 GRADUATION AWARDS

Senior Opportunity Awards

Donald Hillman — Lesley Wilson

Pro Merito Awards

Alice Angeli — Virginia Raymond

Permanent Certificates to: Horace Burrington, Ann Goodwin, Lesley Wilson

Patrick J. Coyne Post of the American Legion Merit Award

Horace Burrington — Ann Goodwin

Sons of the American Revolution Franklin Medal for Excellence in United States History

Horace Burrington

Becker College Key for Excellence in Social Economics

Ann Goodwin

Danforth Foundation Awards for Meritorious Work

Mary Burdett, Nellie Harris, Ruth Knott, Elisabeth McHaffie, Virginia Wells

Readers Digest Subscription to the Valedictorian

Ann Goodwin

Pupils on the Honor Roll for 1939-40

Seniors

First Honors	*Second Honors*
Horace Burrington	Mary Burdett
Ann Goodwin	
Lesley Wilson	

Juniors

Virginia Raymond	Alice Angeli
	Edgar Dickinson
	Charlotte Henderson

Sophomores

Janet Burdett	John Goodwin
Esther Knott	Ruth Legate

Freshmen

Mary Kendrick	Helen Burnett
Catherine Stinehour	Marjorie Lanphear

Highest Honors in Each Course for 1939-40

Algebra I	Mary Kendrick
Biology	John Goodwin
Chemistry	Lesley Wilson
Civics	Mary Burdett
English I	Mary Kendrick
English II	Esther Knott
English III	Virginia Raymond
English IV	Ann Goodwin
French I	Janet Burdett
French II	Virginia Raymond
French III	Horace Burrington
General Science	Catherine Stinehour
Geometry	Ann Goodwin
Latin I	Virginia Raymond
Latin II	Esther Knott
Safe Driving	Virginia Raymond
Social Economics	Ann Goodwin
United States History	Horace Burrington
World History	Mary Kendrick

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics. The Franklin County League title in basketball was won by Clark School of Northampton. Williamsburg placed second and Charlemont third.

Our girls' team also took third place in its league, the winner being Powers Institute.

This fall a ski club for boys and girls is being formed by members of the school; it will be called the Chickley Alp Ski Club.

Dramatics. The Senior Class play, put on under the direction of Miss Pettengill, was entitled "Mama's Baby Boy."

This year at the Second Annual Stunt Night the winning playlet was "No Wedding Bells." The cup was won by the Class of 1942.

Travel. The Class of 1940 made a supervised trip to Washington and New York City.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. KIPP,
Principal.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

I herewith submit my annual report as examining physician for the Town of Charlemont.

Owing to conflicting schedules our examination of the scholars this year was later than usual.

Our routine examinations have been made and defects noted.

The predominating faults are diseased tonsils, teeth and poor posture.

I think poor posture is the most prevalent defect and exercises could be given at school to help correct this fault. These exercises could be made enjoyable, set to music, with the use of dumbbells.

I think the School Committee should be commended for their untiring efforts and final victory in securing good drinking water for our Village school. This may seem an expensive project, but the first cost is the greatest and I believe it will be economy in the end. The East Charlemont School is handicapped in this respect, as water must be carried a considerable distance to the school, and although the "Little Red School House" is a matter of pride to our citizens and also to visitors passing through our Town, nevertheless we cannot get away from the fact that eventually it must follow the fate of all country schools and give way to a consolidation.

Our cafeteria is a flourishing fixture here in the Village school, and a wonderful help for our pupils during the winter months. I believe this contributes greatly to the general health of our scholars.

We have been blessed by being free from any serious epidemics during the past year.

Our pre-school child clinics have been a great aid in the betterment of health; and I wish now to thank Dr. Low of Greenfield, Mass., for helping us in this work. He has given freely of his time, not only here in Charlemont, but also at Greenfield where many children have been taken for examination.

Our regular nurse is away, and Mrs. Smith, who is substituting for her, is doing a fine job. She is very willing to do anything that may be required of her in furthering the health of the Community.

I am pleased with the gradual improvement of health in our pupils, and in the majority of cases we have had the hearty cooperation of the parents and the Town.

I thank you all for your help in our work and trust that we may continue to progress as in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Floyd O. Mathews,
School Physician.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

I hereby submit my report from September 16, 1940, to January 1, 1941.

September 16, 1940, I came to Charlemont to substitute for Mrs. Carolyne Reed during her four months' absence.

I began the school work, first getting acquainted with Mr. W. E. Lane, Supt. of Schools, and the teachers of the school union. The weighing and the routine inspections were made in all the schools.

The hearing tests were completed in Charlemont with the use of the state audiometer. Out of the eighty-two tests made, twenty-one children had some loss of hearing. Follow-up home visits are being made to these children.

The physical examinations have been completed in the schools by Dr. Floyd Mathews, School Physician, with the assistance of the nurse. One hundred and fifty children were examined by Dr. Floyd Mathews, and defective teeth and posture were the outstanding defects. Some other defects of eyes, ears, and throat were detected.

The general condition of the school children was found to be good this year. I notified all the teachers a

few days before the physical examinations, so that the parents could be present when their children were examined. The defect statements were given to the children, with defects listed that were found as a result of the physical examinations. It was requested that the parents sign the defect statements and have the children return them to the schools. If any parent wanted help in deciding what to do about the correction of the defect of her child, I would plan to make a visit as soon as possible.

The Junior Red Cross enrollment has been renewed in all the schools.

Eye glasses were obtained for three high school students, and one child was taken to the dentist.

The first aid kit refills have been replaced in all the schools.

The Well Child Conference was held in Charlemont in July, when thirty-three families that included fifty pre-school children attended this conference. Follow-up home visits for defects found as the result of the physical examinations of these children are being made. If a parent wants help in deciding what to do about the correction of the defect of her child, the assistance of the nurse will be given in every way possible. Two home visits have already been made.

Nine home visits have been made in behalf of the school children.

I wish to thank Mr. Lane, teachers, and townspeople for their cooperation in helping to make the School Health Program possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MADELINE LAWSON SMITH

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS OF CHARLEMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1940

Name	*School*	*Average Attendance*	*Enroll-ment*
Walter D. Kipp	High	38	44
Emma Vincent			
Gladys Goddard			
Audrey Pettengill, 5 mo.			
Virginia Belanger, 5 mo.	Grades 1–2	14.1	16
Emma Fisk	Grades 3–4	27.9	30
Jeanette Hicks	Grades 5–6	20.1	21
Blanche Ziegler	Grades 7–8	32	32
Doris DuPont	East	13	16

	Elementary	*Secondary*
Boys	54	17
Girls	61	27
	115	44
Vocational tuitions	0	8
Non-Resident pupils	5	15
Average Attendance	107	38
Days of School	172	182

Pupils not absent one half day:

Dorena Gilbert, Donald Turner, Ruth Bennett, Dorothy Turner, Cyrus Annear, Horace Burrington, Mary Kendrick, Virginia Wells, Helen Burnett.

Conditions twenty-five years ago:

	Elementary	*Secondary*
Number of schools	9	1
Boys	99	
Girls	63	
Number of teachers	9	3
Enrollment	162	31

Pupils at Arms Academy 2

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1940

RECEIPTS

General cash in Treasury, January 1, 1940....	$15,635.88	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation...	845.97	
Union Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 242, water rent..	10.00	
Town of Rowe, purchase of carbon paper.....	1.00	
Town of Hawley, purchase of carbon paper....	1.00	
Town of Rowe, Florida Bridge account.....	35.69	
Town of Rowe, Tools purchased in 1938.....	72.67	
Franklin County District Court, fines.....	35.00	
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., refund.....	4.55	
Horace E. Warfield, purchase of machinery shed	26.00	
Dept. of Public Works, use of fire equipment..	10.00	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Agency, returned check...	80.35	
Town of Heath, services of Fire Dept.....	53.00	
S. W. Reynolds, purchase of road grader.....	5.00	
W. E. Lane, Supt. school, banks and vender returns.....	5.49	
LaVernie C. Smith, library fines.....	12.12	
Clyde Churchill, sealer's fees.....	27.69	
The Merchants Nat. Bank of Boston, loan for fire truck and equipment.....	4,000.00	
The Shelburne Falls Nat. Bank, loan for highway work.....	5,000.00	
County Treasurer, dog license money refund...	168.36	
Town Clerk, dog license fees.....	193.20	
John Sullivan, adv. in Recorder-Gazette.....	1.50	
The Charlemont Inn, adv. in Recorder-Gazette	3.00	
John M. Moriarty, adv. in Recorder-Gazette..	1.50	
Alfred F. Gingras, adv. in Recorder-Gazette...	1.50	
Frank J. Wells, adv. in Recorder-Gazette.....	1.50	
Cecil H. Kennedy, adv. in Recorder-Gazette...	1.50	
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses.....	1,450.00	
Licenses and Permits, other than liquor.....	151.00	
Town Hall Rent, Red Cross.....	120.00	
Town Hall Rent, entertainments.....	19.00	
State Treasurer, corp. taxes, gas, elec. light and water.....	286.80	
State Treasurer, income tax.....	3,408.82	
State Treasurer, Highway Fund Chap. 504 Acts of 1939.....	3,809,18	
State Treasurer, Dept. of Agriculture.....	25.00	
State Treasurer, reimbursement for loss of taxes	251.45	
State Treasurer, Div. of Child Guardianship...	394.50	
State Treasurer, Business Corp. Tax.....	189.44	
		$36,338.66

TAXES

1936 Poll Taxes	$6.00	
1937 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	449.39	
1938 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	3,236.79	
1939 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	4,517.12	
1940 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	20,120.35	
1936 Motor Excise Taxes	5.76	
1937 Motor Excise Taxes	12.28	
1938 Motor Excise Taxes	67.16	
1939 Motor Excise Taxes	25.96	
1940 Motor Excise Taxes	1,676.62	
		$30,117.43

INTEREST

Merchants Nat. Bank of Boston, refund	$6.17	
Treasurer's Deposits	100.50	
Trust Funds	124.76	
Surplus War Bonus Fund	38.68	
Deferred Taxes	375.44	
		645.55

WELFARE

Cali Construction Co., purchase of wood	$8.00	
State Treasurer, temporary aid and trans.	2,034.90	
Franklin County District Court	181.00	
Town of Colrain, refund	908.75	
		3,132.65

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Check returned by Recipients	$50.00	
Town of Buckland, refund	40.00	
Town of Monroe, refund	40.00	
Town of Shelburne, refund	48.34	
Town of Rowe, refund	50.67	
Town of Fairhaven, refund	53.33	
State Treasurer, state	5,181.95	
State Treasurer, U. S. Grant	7,181.64	
State Treasurer, addition	.02	
State Treasurer, for cost of administration	239.34	
		12,885.29

SCHOOLS

Town of Plainfield, high school tuitions	$25.28	
Town of Heath, high school tuitions	705.00	
Town of Hawley, high school tuitions	416.88	
Town of Rowe, high school tuitions	442.12	
Town of Heath, office rent	25.00	
Town of Hawley, office rent	25.00	
Town of Rowe, office rent	25.00	

Union Lodge, I. O. O. F., water rent	$10.00	
State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund	4,075.48	
State Treasurer, high school tuition	964.25	
State Treasurer, vocational education	175.38	
		$6,889.39

HIGHWAYS

Boston & Maine R. R., Highway Account	$60.15	
County Treasurer, Chapter 90	1,500.00	
State Treasurer, Highway Account, Chap. 505	400.00	
State Treasurer, Highway Account, Zoar	2,000.00	
State Treasurer, Highway Account, Chap. 81 and 90	10,746.33	
		14,706.48

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Town Equipment, for Town work	$4,607.09	
		4,607.09
		$109,322.54

PAYMENTS

Fifty-two Selectmen's Warrants	$69,633.04	
Twelve School Lists	22,199.55	
General Cash in the Treasury, Dec. 1, 1940	16,605.30	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	884.65	
		$109,322.54

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP D. LEGATE, Treasurer.

Town Trust Funds Held by the Treasurer December 31, 1940

The Maxwell Library Fund	$1,000.00	
Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund	1,000.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund	2,869.00	
The Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund	248.78	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund	212.34	
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund	151.06	
		$6,481.18

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP D. LEGATE, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS, 1940

Births

Date	*Name*	*Parents*
Jan. 30	Joseph Henry Luce	Henry Theodore and Mary Louise Luce
Feb. 6	William Horatio Stafford	William P. and Grace M. Stafford
Mar. 25	Joel Taylor	Archie Frank and Doris May Taylor
April 7	Raymond Charles Streeter	Charles E. and Marjorie T. Streeter
May 24	Arlene Esther Sherman	James W. and Viola V. Sherman
July 11	Jean Bertha Andrews	Warren M. and Irene I. Andrews
July 25	Stillman Hewitt Tinney	Floyd F. and Leona A. Tinney
Aug. 14	Cynthia Healy	Winston and Margaret Lee Healy
Sept. 1	Charles Leslie Orr	Dorman C. and Margaret Ayles Orr
Sept. 2	Peter Harlan Avery	Burton W. and Barbara M. Avery
Sept. 11	Joan Elisabeth Atkins	Ralph B. and Doris Sardam Atkins
Nov. 25	Janice Elinor Stanford	J. Henry and Lilla Woffenden Stanford

Marriages

Date	*Name*	*Residence*
Jan. 27	Ernest Dubuc	Charlemont, Mass.
	Rita Couture	Holyoke, Mass.
Feb. 13	Warren M. Andrews	Charlemont, Mass.
	Irene I. Schacht	Gill, Mass.
May 2	Albert Edward Springer	Charlemont, Mass.
	Elsie Susan Rider	Shutesbury, Mass.
June 12	Arnold Kenney Burnett	Charlemont, Mass.
	Lucy Estella Smith	Heath, Mass.
July 14	Aubrey J. L. Crocker	Charlemont, Mass.
	Ruby P. Martin	Shelburne Falls, Mass.
Sept. 3	Raymond Ronald Noyes	Greenfield, Mass.
	Geraldine Ivez Holden	Rowe, Mass.
Sept. 14	Domenico Antonelli	Charlemont, Mass.
	Ella Moore	Winchester, N. H.
Sept. 15	Ernest Frederick Tower	Florida, Mass.
	Alzada Sophia Fash	Charlemont, Mass.
Oct. 3	Howard Norval Sibley	Rowe, Mass.
	Jeanette Sinclair Lee	Readsboro, Vt.
Oct. 6	Wilfred Henry Swift	Florida, Mass.
	Nellie Elizabeth Brown	Florida, Mass.
Oct. 12	Charles Francis Granger	Worthington, Mass.
	Elizabeth Mary Maynard	Charlemont, Mass.
Dec. 11	Harold F. Heald	Beverly, Mass.
	Frances I. Niles	Charlemont, Mass.

Deaths

Date	Name	Age Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 7	Ernest W. Todd	67	..	..
Jan. 11	Louisa A. Pare (Joachin)	87	6	30
Jan. 26	Mary B. Warfield (Bassett)	77	8	12
Jan. 29	Fred Lyman Tyler	77	6	8
Feb. 12	Luther S. Gale	76	2	14
Mar. 22	Erwin E. Maynard	76	7	..
Mar. 25	Joel Taylor (Stillborn)	..	..	..
April 3	Josiephine P. Blodgett (Phelps)	53	5	4
April 3	Edwin Rubin Barnes	73	..	22
April 5	George Underwood	72	9	8
July 12	Angie M. Rowell	54	..	..
July 30	Sterry Charles Wilbur	80	10	7
Aug. 23	Esther Anna Brodigan	68	4	15
Sept. 23	Jennie L. Murray (Hermance)	62	1	3
Sept. 26	William H. Harris	63	..	1
Oct. 6	Maria A. Pierce (Vinal)	57	9	8
Oct. 23	Ina L. Carroll	79	7	7
Nov. 5	Henry L. Ballard	52	10	20
Nov. 6	Bertha M. Vincent (Davenport)	74	7	2
Nov. 26	Ella A. Fisk	81	5	21
Dec. 8	Albert Force Booth	85	11	26
Dec. 22	Lillian M. Bardwell (Towle)	71	10	14
Dec. 18	Oliver F. Tanner	83	6	9

102 DOG LICENSES ISSUED

70 Male Dog Licenses at $2.00	$140.00	
27 Spayed Female at 2.00	54.00	
5 Female at 5.00	25.00	
		$219.00
Paid Town Treasurer	$198.20	
Fees Retained	20.80	
		$219.00

181 SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

2 DUPLICATE LICENSES

20 Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses issued free to persons over seventy (70) years of age.	
33 Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at $3.25	$107.25
61 Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at 2.00	122.00
40 Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at 2.00	80.00
19 Women's & Minors' Fishing Licenses at 1.25	23.75

2 Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses at $5.25	$10.50	
6 Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses at 1.50	9.00	
2 Duplicate Licenses at 50	1.00	
		$353.50
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game. . .	$313.25	
Fees Retained	40.25	
		$353.50

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF CHARLEMONT ASSESSORS, 1940

	Valuation Personal Estate	*Valuation Real Estate*
Adams, Mrs. Dorothy	$100.00	$1,350.00
Adams, Glenn	.....	300.00
Adams, Eva M.	.....	900.00
Adams, N. Eugene	225.00	.....
Adler, Carl	100.00	850.00
Albee, John E.	.....	400.00
Anderson, Anders	100.00	700.00
Anderson, Raymond	1,500.00	3,650.00
Andrews, Mrs. Bertha	.....	575.00
Andrews, Carl	25.00	.....
Angeli, Agusto	120.00	1,800.00
Angeli, Charles	355.00	2,450.00
Annear, Cyrus C.	150.00	1,850.00
Ashton, Francis E.	.....	700.00
Avery, Deane	.....	4,485.00
Avery, Francis W.	790.00	1,585.00
Avery, Nellie J. & Francis W.	.....	4,785.00
Avery, Henry L.	.....	8,450.00
Avery, A. L. & Son	10,040.00	.....
Avery, Oscar C.	.....	17,500.00
Avery, Mrs. Maria	.....	1,500.00
Aola, Weino	.....	600.00
Ballard, Henry L.	100.00	3,875.00
Bardwell, William E.	.....	3,630.00
Barnes, Benj. W.	150.00	3,000.00
Barnes, Daniel D.	.....	400.00
Barnes, Edward R.	.....	1,100.00
Bemis, George E., heirs or devisees	.....	7,300.00
Bicknell, Fred O.	.....	5,750.00
Blodgett, Harold	.....	1,150.00
Booth, William H.	.....	550.00
Booth, Robert	50.00	150.00
Bolton, George E.	.....	300.00
Boston & Maine R. R.	.....	7,000.00
Baxter, Charles M.	85.00	.....
Bremer, Ruth M.	.....	1,180.00

Bremer, H. J.	$386.00	.....
Brown, Fred C.	.....	$2,900.00
Boullie, Wm. J. & Anna T.	.....	2,000.00
Burt, Harold	50.00	.....
Burt, William R.	135.00	2,775.00
Burdett, Alfred E.	50.00	.....
Burnett, W. L.	344.00	1,350.00
Burrington, F. B,, heirs or devisees	.....	700.00
Carpenter, Dennis V.	.....	2,250.00
Cassidy, George E.	150.00	1,500.00
Cetto, Enrice	70.00	1,300.00
Charlemont Wood Products	150.00	6,550.00
Churchill, Charles S.	.....	2,150.00
Churchill, M. H.	.....	150.00
Cook, Helen	.....	1,900.00
Cope, Alfred E.	500.00	2,070.00
Cooley, Olive A.	.....	1,700.00
Conley, Fred J.	1,150.00	6,960.00
Crocker, Jennie M.	.....	625.00
Crocker, Fred	45.00	.....
Clark, E. T. & Stafford, H. M.	.....	2,000.00
Clark, Frank S.	.....	3,180.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret	.....	400.00
Clark, Walter W., heirs or devisees	.....	5,200.00
Cali, Sebastin	.....	1,300.00
Cadwell, John, et al	.....	500.00
Canedy, Jennie	.....	3,000.00
Canedy, Randolph G.	150.00	.....
Canedy, Mrs. Mattie, heirs or devisees	....	750.00
Charles, Frederic A.	200.00	.....
Converse, Nellie F. & Edward G.	.....	5,100.00
Churchill, Helen W.	.....	1,500.00
Davenport, Carlton P.	.....	3,000.00
Davenport, Louis A.	.....	250.00
Davenport, William A.	.....	400.00
Davenport, William L.	.....	3,000.00
Dickinson, Alice G.	50.00	1,800.00
Earl, Thomas	.....	1,400.00
Ewart, Adam	565.00	.....
Ellsworth, Horace E.	400.00	200.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S.	.....	1,000.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S.	.....	975.00
Fairhurst, Charles	.....	1,400.00
Fife, Sanford	110.00	5,600.00

Fisk, Miss Ella	.....	$1,700.00
Fisk, Roscoe R.	$640.00	5,020.00
Flanders, Luther E.	.....	1,250.00
Ford, Frank B., heirs or devisees	.....	4,700.00
Ford, H. T.	.....	4,000.00
Ford, H. T. & Son	1,000.00	3,675.00
Foliated Talc Co.	.....	200.00
First National Stores, Inc.	40.00	.....
Frary, Eliza N.	.....	2,500.00
Fuller, Fred A.	.....	7,430.00
Fuller, Alice M.	.....	1,000.00
Fullum, Harry	75.00	.....
Gale, Luther S.	.....	2,055.00
Gerry, Annie I.	.....	3,000.00
Gingras, Alfred	1,000.00	7,650.00
Gilbert, Clifford J.	100.00	1,000.00
Gilbert, Edward	150.00	3,150.00
Glaze, Marjorie	100.00	1,400.00
Gould, Grace C.	.....	3,800.00
Gould, Syril G.	500.00	.....
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	.....	2,200.00
Grover, Joseph W.	50.00	.....
Grover, Albina	.....	3,650.00
Graf, Edward P. & Mary A.	.....	2,225.00
Harris, Frank R.	.....	2,500.00
Harris, Ethel R.	570.00	630.00
Harris, Herbert R.	380.00	1,300.00
Harris, Herman F.	115.00	1,050.00
Harris, Irvin J.	254.00	650.00
Harris, Ralph E.	95.00	1,800.00
Hager, Clifford J.	.....	80.00
Hager, O. J.	575.00	2,200.00
Heist, Claude E.	.....	1,250.00
Heist, Harry H.	175.00	2,680.00
Heist, Paul E.	45.00	730.00
Hillard, Truman H.	.....	100.00
Haywood, Cora R.	.....	2,300.00
Healy, Winston	975.00	3,450.00
Healy, J. J.	1,390.00	24,090.00
Hawkes, Harry F.	855.00	.....
Hawkes, Chas. W., heirs or devisees	.....	6,150.00
Hawker, Arthur L.	785.00	6,015.00
Hallahan, William E.	100.00	4,620.00
Harmon, James B.	.....	2,100.00

Harwood, Fannie E.	.....	$2,650.00
Harrington, Henry L.	.....	1,400.00
Hathaway, Arthur	$25.00	1,300.00
Hartwell, Ernest	.....	2,100.00
Holden, Charles N. & Son	105.00	5,070.00
Houghton, Gertrude K.	.....	2,285.00
Houghton, Charles E.	45.00	.....
Hicks, Ray C.	885.00	1,865.00
Hicks, Roy A.	480.00	2,175.00
Hicks, Archie L. & Victoria H.	.....	3,300.00
Harris, May P.	.....	600.00
Harwood, Clarence R.	80.00	.....
Hunkler, Frank R.	160.00	2,300.00
Hunt, Blanche L.	.....	1,800.00
James, Alice L.	.....	600.00
Jillson, Fred A., heirs or devisees	.....	2,700.00
Jillson, Mrs. Guelma J.	.....	4,850.00
Johnson, Frank L. & Son	420.00	4,595.00
Johnston, Mrs. Sarah J.	.....	2,800.00
Kendrick, John H., heirs or devisees	680.00	3,570.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,200.00	16,775.00
Kirchlechner, Ignatz, heirs or devisees	.....	785.00
Kirchlechner, Frank	520.00	465.00
Kork, Antone, heirs or devisees	.....	350.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose	.....	2,330.00
Lees, Minnie W.	.....	850.00
Lively, Ernest E.	.....	2,300.00
Lively, Arthur	335.00	1,700.00
Lively, Levi	.....	3,500.00
Legate, Annie S.	.....	450.00
Legate, Ida L.	.....	4,250.00
Legate, Harry F.	.....	2,600.00
Leise, Cyrus L.	.....	4,720.00
Leland, Harold A.	175.00	2,100.00
Leland, Samuel B.	95.00	845.00
Lilly, Mrs. Sarah, heirs or devisees	.....	1,000.00
Lincoln, Lulu D.	.....	2,625.00
Lyman, Mrs. Adelle	.....	3,975.00
Lyman, Frank O.	1,097.00	.....
Lyman, Geraldine H.	.....	4,650.00
Lemay, Israel G.	80.00	950.00
Malcolm, David J.	.....	4,000.00
Maynard, Ray W.	.....	900.00

Marcy, Mary S.	.....	$400.00
Merrill, Roy S.	.....	3,400.00
Merrill, Philip	.....	1,400.00
Miller, Mrs. Bessie A.	.....	1,100.00
Miller, Helen W.	$300.00	2,150.00
Mathys, George L.	.....	1,300.00
Miner, Belle	100.00	1,785.00
Mitchell, Martha C.	.....	200.00
Murtha, Francis P.	.....	560.00
Moors, Ethel P.	.....	700.00
Moriarty, John L.	500.00	1,600.00
Murray, Frank E.	45.00	2,565.00
Murphy, John P.	.....	900.00
Martin, Edward H.	.....	1,700.00
MacLean, H. W.	400.00	.....
Maynard, Earl O.	.....	1,500.00
McHaffie, John W.	140.00	900.00
Nadeau, George E.	.....	1,500.00
Negus, Anna L.	.....	2,230.00
Newton, Mrs. Elizabeth F.	.....	790.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	16,100.00	.....
New England Power Co.	7,240.00	62,900.00
New England Box Co.	.....	4,035.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	25,000.00	.....
North Adams Trust Co.	.....	4,100.00
Oakes, Daniel M.	.....	100.00
Oakes, Mrs. Edith L.	.....	1,300.00
Orr, Charles H., et al	.....	2,800.00
Osborne, Mrs. Lucy	.....	4,300.00
Packard, Charles E.	.....	1,500.00
Pardee, Eben H.	.....	3,300.00
Parent, Joseph	230.00	1,170.00
Payne, Ernest W.	285.00	4,850.00
Perdinis, O. S. & Son	.....	300.00
Perry, Mrs. Elsie	.....	150.00
Phillips, Henry H.	600.00	2,100.00
Pierce, Mrs. Maria A.	438.00	.....
Pierson, William D.	1,600.00	4,785.00
Pleshaw, Charles D.	.....	1,150.00
Potter, Mark W.	615.00	.....
Potter, Mrs. Elizabeth C.	.....	17,675.00
Postal Tel. & Cable Co.	800.00	.....
Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	350.00	10,175.00
Pratt, Clement L.	.....	150.00

Pratt, Walter M.	.....	$2,650.00
Purrinton, Albert T.	$141.00	1,350.00
Purrinton & Ward	.....	50.00
Purrinton, Gordon	.....	600.00
Purrinton, Orrin D.	.....	160.00
Rice, George A., heirs or devisees	.....	750.00
Rice, John D.	.....	3,900.00
Rice, William C.	75.00	2,450.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F.	.....	1,600.00
Richmond, Burk	220.00	2,290.00
Rivers, Rena M.	.....	3,600.00
Robinson, William C.	.....	3,900.00
Rowell, John A.	1,000.00	16,700.00
Richardson, Lester R.	.....	200.00
Riddell, Hugh	395.00	.....
Ryan, Helena T.	.....	1,150.00
Richmond, Homer H.	.....	1,280.00
Sampson, Albert A.	350.00	3,950.00
Sears, Edwin W.	.....	3,800.00
Sears, Mrs. Jennie Z.	.....	25.00
Shaw, Mrs. A. E.	.....	3,250.00
Shaw, Ballard G.	200.00	.....
Shaw, Harry P.	.....	1,040.00
Sherman, Homer	.....	200.00
Sherman, James M.	.....	580.00
Sherman, Cecil	.....	150.00
Sherman, Elmer L.	.....	830.00
Simmons, Mrs. Florence R.	250.00	8,000.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E.	509.00	2,300.00
Smart, Fred A.	.....	3,600.00
Smith, W. H. & L. C.	.....	1,700.00
Smith, Walter H.	.....	7,600.00
Smith, Lavernie C.	.....	50.00
Smith, Elizabeth	.....	2,700.00
Spear, Elbert E.	.....	3,400.00
Springer, Charles	80.00	.....
Stanford, Henry	35.00	.....
Stafford, Chauncy K.	780.00	.....
Stafford, Frank E.	35.00	3,000.00
Stacy, Helen B.	.....	200.00
Starr, J. H., heirs or devisees	.....	600.00
Stone, Walter E.	200.00	450.00
Streeter, Charles E.	.....	2,500.00
Sullivan, Wilhelmina	450.00	9,575.00

Taintor, A. E.	$500.00	$2,450.00
Tanner, Nellie O.	.....	3,520.00
Taylor, Archie F.	20.00	350.00
Taylor, Frank J.	.....	1,440.00
Taylor, Theron S.	.....	4,200.00
Temple, Mrs. Alice, heirs or devisees	.....	300.00
Temple, John H.	.....	300.00
Turner, Dora E.	.....	2,800.00
Tinney, Floyd O.	60.00	770.00
Tinney, Lawrence S.	82.00	.....
Thayer, Fordyce A.	1,200.00	4,280.00
Tower, Edgar D.	235.00	1,125.00
Tower, Mabel A.	50.00	3,300.00
Trustees, Cong'l Society	.....	650.00
Trustees, Methodist Society	.....	2,000.00
Trustees, I. O. O. F.	.....	3,500.00
Trustees, I. O. O. M.	.....	2,000.00
Trustees, Leavitt Cemetery	.....	300.00
Turner, Christine	.....	4,650.00
Turner, William T.	.....	4,700.00
Turner, William C.	.....	1,900.00
Tarvin, James C.	.....	4,500.00
Tullis, Nellie J.	.....	100.00
Tyler, Fred L.	.....	5,400.00
Tinney, Irvin F.	.....	1,250.00
Underwood, George	65.00	2,055.00
Underwood, George, Jr.	.....	420.00
Van Nostrand, H. L.	.....	2,700.00
Varnum, W. B., heirs or devisees	.....	1,220.00
Veber, Albert L.	160.00	4,450.00
Veber, Gilbert L.	.....	1,595.00
Vincent, E. C.	.....	2,100.00
Vincent, Louis A.	275.00	2,350.00
Vincent, Leslie F.	300.00	.....
Vittorossi, Julio	145.00	.....
Vosburg, Claude	200.00	2,275.00
Warfield, Horace E.	1,575.00	9,875.00
Warner, William L., heirs or devisees	.....	2,900.00
Warriner, Bertha M.	.....	350.00
Western Union Tel. Co.	2,900.00	.....
Western N. E. Tel. Co.	5,050.00	3,100.00
Wells, Frank J.	5,000.00	10,850.00
White, Harold T.	.....	60.00
Whipple, Annie F., Tr.	.....	1,755.00

Whittaker, Ernest	$135.00	.....
Wilbur, Stephen C.	265.00	.....
Wilbur, Sterry C.	.....	$1,800.00
Willey, Chester H.	4,100.00	9,185.00
Wilson, Esther G.	.....	2,800.00
Willard, James R.	625.00	4,025.00
Warger, Mary	200.00	.....
Wales, Doris R.	.....	1,100.00
Wells, Alice L. & Fred W.	.....	2,500.00

Number of Polls Assessed	238
Number of Horses Assessed	71
Number of Cows Assessed	309
Number of Cattle Assessed (other than cows)	169
Number of Sheep Assessed	27
Number of Swine Assessed	5
Number of Goats Assessed	20
Number of Fowl Assessed	4,894
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	248
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,112
Assessed value of Personal Estate	$120,131.00
Assessed value of Real Estate	903,421.00
Total Valuation	1,023,552.00
Tax Rate	29.00

Number of Excise Commitments	9
Number of Motor Vehicles	340
Value of Motor Vehicles	$63,790.00
Excise	1,802.66

Respectfully submitted,

Francis W. Avery,
Ernest W. Payne,
Winifred E. Spear,
Assessors.

THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

With delightful weather conditions the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Charlemont, in conjunction with the fifth annual Old Home Day Association gathering, was held from Friday evening, September 13th, through Sunday, September 15th, 1940.

On this occasion the Town was honored by the presence of Governor and Mrs. Leverett Saltonstall, who were guests of honor for the dedication of Charlemont Memorial Park, formerly the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society Fairgrounds, which were recently purchased by the Town. The Governor gave a timely address, presented the prize awards of the day, signed the Association register, and thrilled the fans by tossing out the first ball that opened the baseball game.

Charlemont citizens cooperated as a unit to give a fitting welcome to the crowds of people who visited the Town during the celebration. Practically all buildings and the historic bridges were beautifully decorated with flags and bunting, and particular interest was shown in the window displays at two of the stores.

Several hundred people viewed the fine collection of old photographs which were attractively displayed in the lower exhibit hall Saturday.

Beginning with the Welcome Home meeting in the Methodist Church and the Old-Fashioned Dance in the Town Hall Friday evening, continuing with the Saturday parade, arranged and directed by the Legion and Auxiliary, the program at the Park, the wonderful historical pageant given twice to capacity audiences Saturday evening, and closing with the inspiring Church services Sunday, this celebration was an occasion long to be remembered. A partial record of these events will be preserved for years to come in colored motion pictures taken at this time.

PROGRAM

Friday Evening, September 13th

Old Home Day Association Meeting and Welcome Service at Methodist Church

Old-Fashioned Dance at Town Hall, Sponsored by Charlemont Woman's Club

Saturday, September 14th

Parade to Memorial Park from Buttonball Tree, through Main Street to Wells Corner, up Mine Road, thence to Park.

Drum Corps Competition

Noon Lunch served by Odd Fellows and Rebekahs; Ice Cream and Soda by members of St. Christopher's Church. Proceeds for Park Building Improvement

Governor Greeted by Reception Committe at Wells Corner:

William R. Burt (Pres. Old Home Day Assoc.), Master of Ceremonies
Alfred E. Burdett (School Committee)
William E. Hallahan (Postmaster)
David J. Malcolm
Mrs. Mark W. Potter (1st Vice-Pres. Old Home Day Committee)
Horace Warfield (Chairman, Board of Selectmen)

Governor's Party escorted to Park and thence to Speakers' Stand by detail of State Police, massed flags of American Legion and Drum Corps

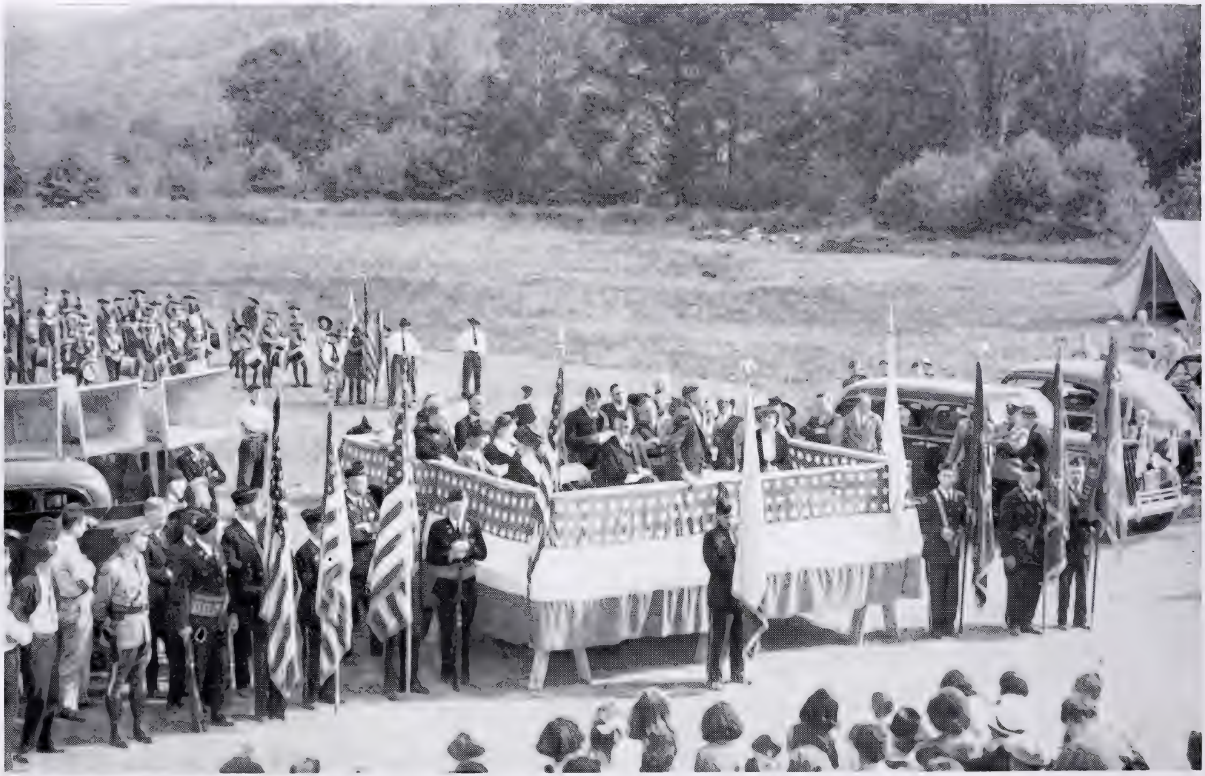
Introduction of Platform Guests to Governor and Mrs. Saltonstall by Andreas E. Royer (American Legion Commander)

Platform Guests:

His Excellency, Gov. Leverett W. Saltonstall
Mrs. Saltonstall
Wm. R. Burt (President of Association)
Mrs. Avis M. Churchill (Permanent Secretary)
Dr. Floyd O. Mathews (President-elect, 1941)
Mrs. Mark W. Potter
Andreas E. Royer (American Legion Commander)
Mrs. Lois M. Rice (President American Legion Auxiliary)
David J. Malcolm
Alfred E. Burdett
Wm. E. Hallahan
Rev. Arthur Simmons
Horace Warfield, Winston Healy, Frank J. Wells — Selectmen
Representative Fred B. Dole
Samuel Streeter, Carlos Allen — Franklin County Commissioners
Mrs. Mary Pratt Potter
Mrs. William R. Burt
Mark W. Potter

Program at Platform:

Invocation—Rev. A. A. Simmons
Address of Welcome—Dr. Floyd O. Mathews
Dedication of Park
Presentation of Fairgrounds to Park Commission—Winston Healy
Acceptance by Park Commission—Mrs. Avis Churchill



Raising of American Flag by Boy Scouts—Clyde Churchill, *Leader*
Expression of Appreciation to All Committee—Wm. R. Burt, *President*
Introduction of Governor—Pres. Wm. R. Burt
Address by His Excellency, Gov. Leverett W. Saltonstall, "What Massachusetts is doing for National Defense."
Presentation of Gifts to Governor and Mrs. Saltonstall from the people of Charlemont—Mrs. Lois M. Rice
"God Bless America"—Led by Band
Benediction—Rev. A. A. Simmons

Townspeople Informally Received by Governor and Mrs. Saltonstall

Baseball Game—Mohawks vs. Colrain Tigers

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14TH

PAGEANT AT GOODNOW HALL

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHARLEMONT

Drum and Bugle.....Assembly Call
"Our Hills and Streams".....by Adelaide R. Kemp

Episode I

Tom-Tom

Choric Voices

"The Indian Trail".....by May P. Harris

SCENE I

Scout—Mohawks from Salmon Fishing Falls

Choric Voices

"Our Land is Purchased".....by May P. Harris

SCENE I

Pantomime

NOTE:—Capt. Israel Williams and John Stoddard purchased land, including Charlemont, from Indian women—Mequisqua and Manhametpeet, wife of Chief Tiapucaumin, of the Scantecook Tribe. Deed in Court House in Greenfield.

Drum and Bugle Call

Episode II

Pioneers

Choric Voices

"The Coming of Moses Rice".....by Madeline Sherman

SCENE I

Pantomime

Timber for the Cabin

Choric Voices

"Struggles with Indians".....by Madeline Sherman

SCENE II

"News of the Massacre"...written and directed by Mrs. Arthur Simmons

Drums—Call to Colors

Episode III

Revolution

Choric Voices

"The Touch of Liberty".....by Adelaide R. Kemp

SCENE I

"Minute Men Off to Bennington".....
written and directed by Mrs. Arthur Simmons

Interlude

Choric Voices

"The Domestic Scene".....by Beulah Smith

SCENE I

Drum and Bugle Call

Episode IV

Period of Enterprise and Culture

Choric Voices

"Growth of Spirit and Mind".....by Adelaide R. Kemp

SCENE I

Picnic on Institute Mountain.....Mrs. Arthur Simmons

Drum and Bugle Call

SCENE II

"Farewell Party at Hall Tavern"..... ..by May P. Harris

Songs directed by Frank Wells
Dance directed by Francis Avery

Drum and Bugle Call

Episode V

Choric Voices

"Charlemont Today".....by Adelaide R. Kemp

PROCESSIONAL

Religion
Education—Academic
Health
Music

4-H Club
Alumni Association
Woman's Club
Red Men
Pocahontas
Odd Fellows
Rebekahs
Sportsmen's Club
East Charlemont Farmers' Club
East Charlemont Community Club

Indian Plaza
Charlemont Inn
Woodworkers
Filling Stations
Trucking Business
Merchants of Charlemont
Red Crsss
American Legion
American Legion Auxiliary
Old Home Day Association

Song—"GOD BLESS AMERICA"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

Special Church Services

St. Christopher's Church—Rev. Fr. Leahy

Federated Church—Rev. George Tuttle, Guest Preacher
assisted by
Rev. Laura T. Smith, East Charlemont
and
Rev. Arthur Simmons, Local Pastor

FINANCIAL REPORT—OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Cash on hand	$21.55	
Town Appropriation	150.00	
American Legion Program Committee	80.00	
Harry Legate, Grandstand	71.50	
Avis Churchill, Secretary	.50	
American Legion Program Committee	2.50	
	$326.05	

Payments:

Mrs. W. H. Harris, Pageant	$10.00
Avis Churchill, Secretary, Postage	6.55
Prizes for Floats	20.00
Prizes for Drum Corps	85.00
Keene City Band	76.00
Earl K. Howes, Printing	4.00
C. H. Willey, Lumber	3.27
William Wagnet, Sound Truck	20.00
Tracey R. Burdick, Printing	12.50
W. R. Burt, Printing	1.50
Herman Buchholz, Decoration	11.08
Mrs. Earl Howes, Express	1.69
E. V. Thayer, Printing	19.10
American Legion Program Committee	14.49
Cash on Hand	40.87
	$326.05

HENRY L. AVERY, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BURT, President,
AVIS CHURCHILL, Secretary,
Old Home Day Association.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Because of the very generous financial response to the letter sent out by the Charlemont Old Home Day Association and the labor contributed by many citizens of the Town, the Commission was able to make many repairs on the Charlemont Memorial Park buildings and improvement to the grounds. All roofs were repaired and windows replaced. A new front deck, sills, and stairway were built to the grandstand; also a refreshment booth was added to the kitchen. Concrete steps and a new exit and stairway were put on to the exhibition hall. Both buildings were inspected and approved by the state building inspector. A start has been made at painting the buildings, and it is hoped that this may be continued this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:		
Gifts for Park Improvement:		
1 at $0.75	$0.75	
9 at 1.00	9.00	
1 at 1.30	1.30	
3 at 2.00	6.00	
14 at 5.00	70.00	
5 at 10.00	50.00	
1 at 20.00	20.00	
3 at 25.00	75.00	
3 at 50.00	150.00	
1 at 100.00	100.00	
Refreshment Committee	75.56	
Dance Committee	51.50	
	$609.11	
Payments:		
Harry Legate, Postage		$4.72
Potter Grain Stores, Roofing		27.30
H. P. Davenport, Lumber		40.22
C. H. Willey, Lumber		48.30
Carl W. Andrews, Labor		8.00
H. S. Tower, Labor		42.78
Allen Warner, Labor		14.40
A. L. Avery & Son, Paint		26.42
Clark Bros., Labor, Supplies		176.08
W. R. Burt, Tractor		5.00

Frank J. Wells, Hardware	$21.80
Wallace Osborn, Labor	22.87
Frank J. Wells, Paint	15.19
Cash on hand	156.03
	$609.11

HENRY L. AVERY, Treasurer

We wish to thank all those who have so generously given of their time and money for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BURT,
HARRY F. LEGATE,
AVIS M. CHURCHILL,
Park Commissioners.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

February 5, 1940

The annual Town Election was held and the following officers were elected:

Town Clerk	Mary L. Carpenter
Treasurer	Phillip D. Legate
Selectman, 3 years	Frank J. Wells
Assessor, 3 years	Winifred E. Spear
School Committee, 3 years	Alfred Burdett
Library Trustee, 3 years	Mary Warner
Tax Collector	Fred O. Bicknell
Auditor	Harry Legate
Tree Warden	Albert L. Veber
Constables	Fred O. Bicknell
	Clyde Churchill
	Walter Henderson

After electing Horace E. Warfield Moderator, the following votes were passed:

1. To have the Selectmen and Dr. F. O. Mathews act as the Board of Health.
2. To have the Selectmen act as the Board of Public Welfare.
3. To authorize the Bureau of Old Age Assistance to pay an agent or agents $15 per month with funds received from the Federal Grant.
4. To accept the report of the Town Officers.
5. To authorize the Selectmen to choose an agent to have charge of suits and actions for or against the Town.
6. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue.
7. To authorize the Selectmen to have charge of repairs of Highways and Bridges.
8. To raise and appropriate the following sums of money:

   $2,450 for Highways
   2,500 for Winter Roads and Bridges
   1,250 for Reserve Fund
   35 for Interest
   3,500 for Welfare
   250 for Aid to Dependent Children

$250 for Soldiers' Relief
9,000 for Old Age Assistance
1,200 for Miscellaneous Expense
20,500 for Schools
1,071.96 for Street Lights
100 for Board of Health
2,250 for Town Officers
250 for Library
400 for Fire Department
108 for Bonding Town Officers
50 for Christmas Tree (proportionate share for East Charlemont)
600 for Red Cross Nurse
600 for Town Physician
1,000 for Town Hall
100 for Memorial Day
150 for Legion Rooms
11 for Old Cemeteries
1,060 for Tractor Note and Interest
200 for Gypsy Moth Suppression
350 for Workmen's Compensation Insurance
500 for State and Federal Grants (WPA)
1,000 for Purchasing the Fairgrounds
150 for 175th Anniversary Celebration
1,000 for Fire Truck (balance of $4,000 to be borrowed over a four-year period)
1,000 for Chapter 90 Highway Work

9. To transfer the 1939 Machinery Earnings, $4,615.25, to the 1940 Machinery Fund.

10. To have the Selectmen appoint three Park Commissioners for one-year terms, hereafter Commissioners to be elected for three-year terms.

11. To authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the old Machinery Shed.

12. To accept as a Town Way a section of road leading from the Mohawk Trail to the home of Cecil Kennedy.

13. To authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Memorial Day Committee, the Chairman to be the Commander of the American Legion Post.

14. To have the Town assume liability for damages in connection with stream clearance work done by the State.

15. To appropriate $8,000 from cash in the Treasury to reduce the 1940 tax levy.

16. To adjourn.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 22, 1940

After electing Horace E. Warfield Moderator, the following votes were passed:

1. To transfer from available funds in Treasury for School Expenses the sum of $1,100.
2. To transfer from available funds in the Treasury for completion of the School artesian well the sum of $600.
3. To accept the devise, legacies and other benefits under the will of Fred L. Tyler (Tyler Memorial Library).
4. To make the following transfers of funds:

   $100 from Soldiers' Relief Account to Welfare Account
   225 from Aid Dependent Children Account to Welfare Account
   7 from Bonding Town Officers Account to Welfare Account
   900 from Old Age Assistance Account to Welfare Account
   450 from WPA Account to Zoar Road Project
5. To adjourn.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS:

To either constables of the Town of Charlemont in the County of Franklin: GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the third day of February next, at eight o'clock A.M., then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers:

Town Clerk for one year
Town Treasurer for one year
Selectman for three years
Assessor for three years
School Committee member for three years
School Committee member for one year to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Emily Canedy resigned
Library Trustee for three years
Tax Collector for one year
Auditor for one year
Tree Warden for one year
Three Constables for one year
One Park Commissioner for three years
One Park Commissioner for two years
One Park Commissioner for one year

For this purpose the polls will be open at eight o'clock A.M. and will close at twelve-thirty P.M.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the third day of February next, at one-thirty o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Article 3. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning January first, 1941, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Sec. 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise the following appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee or take any action thereon:

$2,450.00 for Chapter 81 Highways.
$3,000.00 for Winter Roads and Bridges.
$1,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highways.
$500.00 for Projects.
$1,040.00 for Tractor Note and Interest.
$1,060.00 for Fire Truck Note and Interest.
$3,500.00 for Welfare.
$250.00 for Aid to Dependent Children.
$250.00 for Soldiers' Relief.
$9,000.00 for Old Age Assistance.
$500.00 for Fire Department.
$1,000.00 for Town Hall.
$1,200.00 for Miscellaneous.
$1,250.00 for Reserve Fund.
$2,250.00 for Town Officers.
$1,071.96 for Lighting Village Streets.
$100.00 for Board of Health.
$105.00 for Bonding Town Officers.
$50.00 for Interest.
$200.00 for Gypsy Moth Suppression.
$500.00 for Town Property Insurance.
$20,400.00 for Schools.
$200.00 for Library.
$600.00 for Red Cross Nursing Service.
$600.00 for Town Physician.
$50.00 for Christmas Tree Fund.
$50.00 for Memorial Day.
$150.00 for Legion Rooms.
$10.00 for Old Cemeteries.
$100.00 for Old Home Day.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $4,000.00 for the 1941 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 403 of the Acts of 1936 and raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the purposes as specified.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to wire and place three electric lights over the three faces of the Town Clock so the same may be illuminated in night time and appropriate $60.00 for same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to remove that portion of the iron fence directly in front of the Town Hall, sell the same and use the proceeds therefor and appropriate $5.00 additional and erect a single round iron bar fence at such height as the Selectmen may deem appropriate for said grounds.

Article 10. To see if the Town will accept the layout of a private way over property of Gilbert Veber, connecting the former Oastler property, now that of Carroll J. Lawler and others as per deed recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 839, Page 28, with the town highway leading from Zoar to Rowe according to the 1938 layout, all as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of said layout duly filed with the Town Clerk on January 14, 1941; said private way to be for the benefit of the owners of said Oastler property; and authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain or receive a conveyance of said land included within said taking, and appropriate any money therefor or pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from cash in the Treasury the sum of $4,000.00 said sum to be used by the Board of Assessors, to reduce the tax levy for the year of 1941, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Highway the road leading from the Mohawk Trail to the property of John Egan, in accordance with a petition and layout, as amended, on file with the County Commissioners, dated October 23, 1940.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Highway a section of highway leading eastward from Florida Bridge for a distance of approximately 3,000 feet, and abandon as a Town Way the former highway, all in accordance with a petition and layout on file with the County Commissioners, dated November 29, 1940.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Highway a section of highway, known as Peck Road, leading from Steele Brook to the Rowe town line, and abandon the former highway.

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Town's right, title and interest, on terms deemed satisfactory to the Board, in the following parcels of real estate:

North School, so called
Legate Hill School, so called
Center School, so called
Albee School, so called

Article 16. To see what action the Town will take to provide for the administration of the Tyler Memorial Library, and whether the Charlemont Free Town Library shall be combined with the Tyler Memorial Library, or take any action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-laws:

CHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. The following provisions shall constitute the Revised By-Laws of the Town of Charlemont, which shall be in lieu of all by-laws heretofore in force.

SECTION 2. Any or all of these by-laws may be repealed or amended or other by-laws may be adopted at any town meeting, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting by the Selectmen.

SECTION 3. The repeal of a by-law shall not thereby have the effect of reviving any by-law theretofore repealed.

SECTION 4. Words and phrases specifying or naming any officer, board or committee of the town shall be construed as including the lawful successor, or the person or persons having the powers and performing the duties of such officer, board or committee.

SECTION 5. Whoever violates any of the provisions of these by-laws whereby an act or thing is enjoined or prohibited, shall, unless other provision is expressly made, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense.

CHAPTER II—TOWN MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual town meeting shall be held on the first Monday of February of each year.

SECTION 2. The polls shall be opened at eight o'clock in the morning and shall remain open until twelve o'clock noon.

SECTION 3. Notice of every town meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant therefor in at least two public places in the town, not less than seven days before the day fixed for such meeting.

SECTION 4. The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any town meeting shall be ten; provided, however, that a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn the same. This section shall not apply to such parts of meetings as are devoted exclusively to the election of town officers.

SECTION 5. Articles of the warrant shall be acted upon in the order in which they appear unless otherwise determined by vote of the meeting.

SECTION 6. All motions shall be presented in writing if so directed by the Moderator, or if so requested by any voter.

SECTION 7. If a motion is susceptible of division, it shall be divided and the question shall be put separately upon each part thereof, if the Moderator so directs or if three voters so request. If such motion relates to sums of money, numbers or time, the question shall be first put upon the largest sum or number, and the longest time, and an affirmative vote thereon shall be a negative vote on any smaller sum, number or length of time.

SECTION 8. When a question is before the meeting, the following motions, namely: to adjourn; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to postpone to a time certain; to commit, recommit or refer; to amend; to postpone indefinitely; shall be received and shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and the first three shall be decided without debate.

SECTION 9. Votes on any question shall be recorded by written ballot if so directed by the Moderator, or so requested by seven or more voters.

SECTION 10. No person shall speak more than once on any question to the exclusion of any other person who may desire to speak thereon, nor more than twice without first obtaining leave of the meeting, except, in either case, for the brief correction of an error in or misunderstanding of his previous statement.

SECTION 11. No person shall speak more than ten minutes on any question unless his time shall be extended by vote of the meeting.

SECTION 12. No person shall be allowed to move the reconsideration of any vote unless he voted in the majority, or not at all, when such vote was first taken. No vote of the meeting shall be reconsidered unless notice of intention to ask for reconsideration shall have been given within fifteen minutes after the vote to which such notice relates has been passed. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be reconsidered more than once; nor shall any vote be reconsidered on a motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, or for the previous question.

SECTION 13. No motion the effect of which would be to dissolve the meeting shall be in order until every article in the warrant therefor has

been duly considered and acted upon, but this shall not preclude the postponement of consideration of any article to an adjournment of the meeting at a stated time and place.

CHAPTER III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. The Selectmen shall have the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the town in all matters not otherwise provided for by law or these by-laws.

SECTION 2. An audit of the accounts of the town shall be made annually under the supervision of the State Division of Accounts, as provided by section thirty-five of chapter forty-four of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. The aggregate annual compensation of the Town Clerk and the Collector of Taxes, respectively, shall be limited to the amount of the appropriation therefor.

SECTION 4. The Selectmen shall be agents of the town to institute, prosecute and defend any and all claims, actions and proceedings to which the town is a party or in which the interests of the town are or may be involved. The Selectmen may employ legal counsel whenever, in their judgment, necessity therefor arises.

SECTION 5. The Selectmen may, at their discretion, compromise or settle any claim or suit to which the town is a party, which does not require the payment by the town of an amount in excess of five hundred dollars. No settlement of a claim or suit obligating the town in an amount in excess of five hundred dollars shall be made, except as authorized by law, without the consent of the town meeting.

SECTION 6. The Selectmen in their annual report shall state what actions have been brought against and on behalf of the town, what cases have been compromised or settled, and the current standing of all suits at law involving the town or any of its interests.

SECTION 7. The Selectmen shall constitute the Finance Committee, the Board of Health, and Board of Public Welfare.

SECTION 8. All officers, boards and committees of the town shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books. Said books shall be kept in their respective places in the town offices, and shall not be removed therefrom. Said books shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be open to public inspection at any reasonable time, but shall remain during such inspection under supervision of the officer, board or committee having custody thereof.

SECTION 9. The fiscal year shall end on the thirty-first of December of each year.

SECTION 10. The annual town report shall contain the reports of all officers, boards or committees of the town. It shall contain a detailed report of all moneys received into and paid out of the town treasury in the financial year next preceding; the report of the collector of taxes, of receipts, payments and abatements; statements of all funds belonging to the town or held for the benefit of its inhabitants; a statement of the indebtedness of the town on bonds, notes or otherwise; a statement of transfers made to or from any appropriation; abstracts of the records of the meetings of the town held since publication of the last annual report; and such other matters as the said report is required by law to contain, or as may be inserted by the Selectmen under the discretion granted them by law. Reports of officers, boards and committees shall be delivered to the Selectmen on or before the twelfth day of January of each year.

SECTION 11. The Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, shall have authority to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning January first of each year, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes which may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

CHAPTER IV—REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. No person shall post or affix in any manner a placard, notice or bill, written or printed, upon a sidewalk or tree in a street or public place, or upon a walk, fence, bridge or building belonging to the town, or cause to be painted, written or printed a notice, advertisement or bill in such place or places hereinbefore mentioned, except with permission of the Selectmen.

SECTION 2. No person shall scatter handbills, printed or written advertisements or bills in or on the sidewalks or streets of the town.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of any person whose property adjoins any sidewalk within the town to keep said sidewalk free of snow, ice or other debris at all times. Failure so to do shall be punishable by a fine of twenty dollars for each offense.

SECTION 4. Any child between the ages of seven and fifteen years, found during school hours wandering about the streets or public places of the town without the permission of his parent, master or guardian, shall be taken in charge by the truant officer and delivered to the school to which he belongs, and delivered to the teacher thereof. The truant officer shall forthwith notify a member of the school committee and the parent, master or guardian of such child of his actions.

SECTION 5. In cases where licenses are required to be issued by the Board of Selectmen, the Board is hereby authorized, within the provisions of the General Laws, to fix dates or times at which application for such licenses shall be made, and may prescribe penalties for failure to make such application.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one each at the Village Post Office, Zoar Railroad Station and the East Charlemont Church, seven days at least before the date of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

HORACE E. WARFIELD,
WINSTON HEALY,
FRANK J. WELLS,
Selectmen of Charlemont.

In view of the fact that formal appeals for repair or replacement of the old Covered Bridge had not borne fruit, the following was dispatched to the Commissioner of Public Works on October 3rd, 1940.

APPLICATION FOR OLD BRIDGE ASSISTANCE

Listen, Commissioner, and you shall hear
From a Board of Selectmen crazed by fear,
That in the dead of night, with a mighty roar,
The Old Long Bridge will be no more.

For one hundred years this bridge has stood,
But for the last fifteen has been no good.
And loving hands have patched its pants
Till naught remains but food for ants.

By the grace of God it stands today,
Exactly why, no man can say.
But in the breeze its sways and jerks
Should give the chills to Public Works.

On all the Board the hair is raised
And daily we avert our gaze.
At night to sleep we daren't start
For fear the bridge will fall apart.

So weak and feeble is one spanny
That birds no longer park their fanny,
For fear this structure old and hoary
Will any minute go to glory.

And so, Commish, with pen in hand,
We let you know how matters stand;
How every time the planking flops,
Beneath, the river licks its chops.

The Old Long Bridge is falling down
Right in the middle of our Town;
Please view this matter with alarm,
And do not let us come to harm.

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OF THE

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st
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CHARLEMONT HONOR ROLL

Members of the Armed Services of the United States.

WILLIAM B. AVERY
FRANK AUGUSTOWSKI
NORMAN A. BURNETT
PAUL W. BURRINGTON
HARRY CHAPIN
HORACE T. CLARK
ROBERT DELF
VAN P. GOODWIN
CRAIG I. LANE
ALBION F. LANE
VINCENZO LoPRESTI
THOMAS J. NEARY, JR.
GEORGE E. MAYNARD
DAVID T. PIERSON
JAMES B. SUTTON

Ense Petit Placidam sub Libertate Quietem

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1941

Board of Selectmen

WINSTON HEALY, *Chairman*
Term expires 1941

FRANK J. WELLS, *Clerk*
Term expires 1942

HORACE E. WARFIELD
Term expires 1943

Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

WINSTON HEALY

HORACE E. WARFIELD

FRANK J. WELLS, *Agent*

Board of Health

WINSTON HEALY

ALFRED E. BURDETT

DR. F. O. MATHEWS

School Committee

ALFRED E. BURDETT, *Chairman*
Term expires 1942

VERENA P. TAYLOR
Term expires 1941

HENRY L. AVERY
Term expires 1943

WALTER E. LANE, *Superintendent of Schools*

Board of Assessors

ERNEST W. PAYNE, *Chairman*
Term expires 1941

WINIFRED E. SPEAR
Term expires 1942

FRANCIS W. AVERY
Term expires 1943

Library Trustees

OLIVE A. COOLEY, *Chairman*
Term expires 1941

MARY WARNER
Term expires 1942

WALTER D. KIPP
Term expires 1943

LaVERNIE C. SMITH, *Librarian*

Clerk

MARY L. CARPENTER

Tax Collector

FRED O. BICKNELL

Treasurer

PHILLIP D. LEGATE

Park Commission

WILLIAM R. BURT, Chairman
Term expires 1941

HARRY LEGATE
Term expires 1942

AVIS M. CHURCHILL
Term expires 1943

Auditor

HARRY LEGATE

Tree Warden

CHARLES CHURCHILL

Constables

FRED O. BICKNELL CLYDE CHURCHILL
WALTER A. HENDERSON

Fire Chief
FRANK J. WELLS

Sealer of Weights
CLYDE CHURCHILL

Road Superintendent
PAUL E. HEIST - AUBREY RICE

Physican
DR. F. O. MATHEWS

Red Cross Nurse
CAROLYNE REED, R. N.

Dog Officer
CLYDE CHURCHILL

Milk Inspector
PAUL DONEILO

Superintendent Gypsy Moth
ROY A. HICKS

Inspector of Buildings
FREDERICK WARNER

Inspector of Animals
ERNEST W. PAYNE

Inspectors of Slaughtering
ERNEST W. PAYNE DR. CHARLES E. STREETER

Fence Viewers
FRANCIS W. AVERY HARRY F. HAWKES
ERNEST W. PAYNE

Field Drivers and Pound Keepers
FRANK O. LYMAN ORLO J. HAGER
ERNEST W. PAYNE

Weighers
HARRY LEGATE THERON TAYLOR
THOMAS NEARY

Measurers of Wood and Bark
HERMAN HARRIS WILL C. TURNER
FRANCIS W. AVERY

Measurers of Lumber
WILL C. TURNER HERMAN HARRIS
WALTER M. PRATT DANIEL OAKES

Burial Agents
JOHN McHAFFIE ERNEST W. WHITAKER

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year just past has seen the lengthening arm of Total War extend its ugly shadow over what we thought were our peaceful surroundings, and we have been inextricably caught up in the great effort in which our country is now engaged. Once again Massachusetts is called upon to make good the words of her motto. In consequence, a report such as this loses much of its usual significance, but it is presented with the realization that most of us can be of the greatest service by faithfully carrying out our appointed tasks.

In contrast to 1940, this year has been marked by no outstanding Town event such as the celebration of our 175th Anniversary. However, we have continued to make progress along normal lines of endeavor, and it is the purpose of this report to briefly record the course which the year's work has taken.

HIGHWAYS The normal Chapter 81 appropriation of $9800 was available this year and was spent in the customary manner for maintenance of all Town roads. A detailed break-down of this fund may be found in the accompanying chart. The most important work was accomplished on the South River Road just East of the railroad station. Under an agreement with the Boston & Maine, the railroad constructed 400 feet of cribwork to prevent further sliding of the road onto the railroad tracks, without expense to the Town. The railroad also furnished two cars of ties with which the Town built 280 feet of cribbing on the upper side of the highway. This made possible a substantial widening of the highway and goes far to eliminate one of the worst road conditions which has existed in Town. The railroad has very kindly given us another carload of ties for any future cribwork that may be necessary.

Chapter 90 money was spent on the West Hawley and Zoar Roads. The former was completed to the Hawley line, and thus becomes a matter for maintenance rather than further construction in future years.

The relocation of the Zoar Road eastward from Florida Bridge, started last year, was practically completed under

this Chapter also. Although the regular appropriation was insufficient to cover the cost of applying oil to this road, rather than risk losing the graded surface already obtained, the Board sought and received a special grant from the State of over $750 to cover oiling expense.

Another special grant of $400 was obtained for minor repairs to the Long Bridge. It is now apparent that no major change in this bridge will be made "for the duration." It is also fairly certain that there will be no Chapter 90 construction money available from the State in 1942.

Under Snow, Roads & Bridges for the first time in some years we were able to accomplish something besides the removal of snow. 346 lineal feet of railing was constructed on Legate Hill Road, and 680 feet on Zoar Road.

MACHINERY In accordance with established policy to keep Town equipment in the best possible condition, one of the big trucks was traded in for new this year. New tires were secured for all pieces of equipment shortly before the restrictions went into effect. As a result our equipment is in excellent shape all things considered.

In order to save the smaller, or T-20 tractor, a rubber tired tractor was hired for road-scraping work. Besides saving wear and tear on the T-20, this practice resulted in speeding up scraping work approximately 200%, and of course in a substantial financial saving as well.

WELFARE Total expenses in this account showed a drop of slightly more than $1000 over 1940, although the saving in net cost to the Town was only $132, being $1790.03 against $1922.31 last year. We may be faced with the necessity of shifting certain cases to a more expensive form of relief in 1942, and in all probability it will not be possible to secure savings in Welfare expenses next year.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE Continuing the trend started in 1940, Old Age Assistance expenses showed a drop from the previous year amounting to approximately $700. It is almost certain that this trend will be reversed in 1942 because of the change in the law raising minimum payments, under certain conditions, to $40 after May 1st. The follow-

ing comparisons, based on the month of March, 1941 may be of interest:

Number of recipients per 1000 population 65 years old or older	
In all United States	239
In Massachusetts	236

Average monthly payment per case	
United States	$20.61
Massachusetts	29.12
	(same month last year 28.96)
Franklin County	29.49
Charlemont	30.82

Of the fourteen counties in the State, seven show higher average payments than Franklin. Of the twenty-six towns in the county, seven have a larger total number of cases than Charlemont, and four show a higher average monthly payment.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE Since late summer Civilian Defense preparations have been proceeding at a rapid pace. Within a week of the outbreak of war the Air Raid Precautions organization in Charlemont installed a Report Center, which receives air raid warnings from the District Warning Center in Greenfield and passes then on to Heath, Hawley and Rowe. The Center is staffed 24 hours a day and is getting prepared to handle "incidents," in the event an actual raid takes place, by the despatching of first aid, rescue or other needed crews to the scene. Also on a 24 hour schedule is the airplane observation post on Warfield Road, which is in direct contact with the Army Air Base to report movement of airplanes.

At the present time the Red Cross is conducting two large classes in First Aid, and further classes in Home Nursing are contemplated. An ARP school will also be started within a very short time.

The local Tire Rationing Board is functioning and in all probability will be called upon to administer the rationing of other commodities as fast as it is deemed necessary.

Although a tremendous amount of further preparation is necessary, the Town can be justly proud of the spirit and

vigor, on the part of all townspeople, with which Civilian Defense preparations have been and are being made.

TOWN HALL At the last meeting one-half of the $2000 Town Hall appropriation was earmarked for repairing the roof. It was contemplated then that the amount would cover only part of the necessary work. However, after considerable negotiation an estimate was secured calling for a complete job for approximately $1400. By drawing on Reserve Fund it was possible to finance a complete re-roofing of the Hall this year, and in view of the existing shortage of materials we feel fortunate in having this necessary work out of the way.

GENERAL As the result of a competition held by the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, in which all towns of the Commonwealth participated, the 1940 Charlemont Town Report was awarded a cup for the best 1940 report for towns of less than 1000 population in Massachusetts. The Charlemont report was also given special mention for the best general appearance, most attractive cover and best Selectmen's report.

In August the Town was host to the Franklin County Selectmen's Association at its annual summer meeting, which was held at Mohawk Park.

In accordance with the vote of the last annual meeting, all the Town's right, title and interest in four obsolete school properties was sold at auction, $145.50 being realized.

The Town's system of dry hydrants, damaged in the flood of 1938, was overhauled and is now in good working condition.

The revised by-laws adopted at the last meeting have been approved by the Attorney General's Office, and went into effect on May 1st last.

During the year there was a revival of Boy Scout activity and a Troop established under the direction of Clyde Churchill. Through the generosity of Chester H. Willey a fine troop building was erected on Warfield Road which should add immeasurably to the success of the Troop. It is hoped that this very worthwhile enterprise will receive generous support from the Town.

During the year it became apparent that there would not be as much money available for the Tyler Memorial Library as was at first expected. It was accordingly leased for occupancy until such a time as definite plans for its conversion could be agreed upon. It now appears that there may be available about $1000 additional for alteration purposes, and also that we will not be permitted to lease this property indefinitely. While it will not be possible to present anything definite to the Town at the next meeting, it is hoped that some adequate plan can be worked out for presentation in the not too distant future.

The 1942 annual warrant, included in this publication, differs only slightly from that of previous years. The most significant difference is a requested increase of $1000 under Officers' Salaries to provide for the payment of a clerk. The volume of stenographic and detail work, especially in the field of Public Assistance, has increased at a tremendous rate during the last three years, and shows no indications of slackening. With the increased burdens of Civilian Defense officers of the Town are no longer able to carry out their duties without making greater personal sacrifices than they ought to be called upon to make. The services of a clerk, who might be available to all Town Officers, would relieve this condition, and would also result in economies, particularly in certain departments, so that the financial burden to the Town would not be as great as might appear at first glance. The Board urges your earnest consideration of this request.

Mindful of the trials that may lie ahead, we are nevertheless firm in the knowledge that all stand ready to carry on, with strong resolution for whatever tasks we may be required to face, and it is in that spirit that the 1941 report is presented.

Respectfully submitted,

WINSTON HEALY
FRANK J. WELLS
HORACE E. WARFIELD
Selectmen

January 12, 1942

ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUND

Road	Drainage	Dragging and Scraping	Gravel Patch	Widening	Bituminous Patching	Slides and Washouts	Shldrs.	Cribbing	Surface	Brush	Total
Zoar	$ 16.30	$ 68.50	.....	.....	.....	$30.10	$ 14.00		$ 402.88	$ 33.45	$ 565.23
Rowe	.75	.....	.....	.....	26.10	.....	30.80	.....	193.15	.....	250.80
Davis Mine	47.50	98.00	.....	.....	35.00	.....	10.00	.....	232.22	3.75	426.47
Vincent	3.60	23.98	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.58
Warner Hill	60.13*	93.00	93.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	246.13
Burrington	5.00	49.50	62.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.25	118.75
Harris Mt.	124.96*	193.50	100.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.90	431.06
Harris Mt. Br.	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
East Heath	.....	22.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.50
Tatro	16.80	85.20	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	158.00
Wood Br.	.....	20.00	89.10	.....	.....	.....	27.20	.....	.....	.....	136.30
Hicks	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00
Legate Hill	17.60	122.35	207.80	.....	30	.....	145.20	.....	61.00	6.78	571.03
Tower	164.60*	117.50	303.50	280.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	554.35	50.42	1,470.77
Turner	.75	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.75
Todd Mt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00	8.00
Gilead	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Streeter	2.25	29.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.00
West Hawley	12.20	72.20	.....	.....	44.55	.....	.....	.....	224.45	26.20	379.60
Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.61	1.61
Back Ford	.75	6.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.95
South River	53.64*	179.20	478.57	188.55	.....	14.00	.....	342.05	70.00	9.45	1,335.46
Dodge Corner	3.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	8.60

East Hawley	191.42*	84.35	249.75	219.55	.....	.....	481.75	.....	.....	3.22	1,230.04
Warfield	4.00	41.00	45.80	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	338.10	3.20	437.10
Sherman	2.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.00
Riddle	44.90	35.00	56.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	107.00	.....	247.90
High Street	8.20	.....	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.20
Avery	.....	110.70	346.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00	463.30
Burnt Hill	2.00	46.20	23.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72.10
West Ox-Bow	43.94*	83.20	121.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	248.14
East Ox-Bow	71.88*	42.40	56.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170.28
North River	6.00	87.00	160.00	.....	48.19	.....	.....	.....	41.00	.....	342.19
Colrain	.....	3.00	16.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.80
Johnson	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Winslow	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80
Howes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Frary's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Harmony Ave.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Payne	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Community Park	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00
School	.....	7.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117.32	.....	124.92
Spear	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Adams	2.00	10.00	130.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142.00
	$906.77	$1,784.83	$2,600.52	$688.50	$195.94	$44.10	$708.95	$342.05	$2,351.47	$177.23	$9,800.36

* Culverts installed.

MACHINERY EARNINGS

	Chap. 90	*Chap.* 81	*S.R.&B.*	*Misc.*	*Total*
Pickup	$ 14.90	$ 35.10	32.20	$ .40	$ 82.60
Truck No. 3	257.53	496.65	352.80	12.25	1,119.23
Truck No. 4	251.90	366.30	283.95		902.15
T-20 Tractor	3.00	84.00	208.00		295.00
T-35 Tractor	275.00	325.00	105.00		705.00
Sander	1.00	17.75	9.25		28.00
Scraper	7.25	76.75			84.00
Maintainer		5.00			5.00
	$ 810.58	$1,406.55	$ 991.20	$ 12.65	$3,220.98

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

	Chap. 81	S. R. & B.
Paul Heist, Supt.	$ 560.25	$ 278.09
Aubrey Rice, Supt.	143.15	112.70
Russell Stafford, labor	528.25	212.50
Elmer Sherman, labor	406.65	188.55
John McHaffie, labor	471.58	217.30
Lawrence Gilbert, labor	329.85	135.90
Warren Andrews, labor	411.55	120.25
Floyd Sherman, labor	334.15	66.50
Wilbur Burnett, labor	65.25	31.05
Earl O. Maynard, labor	173.65	88.00
Norman Hawkes, labor		16.65
Lawrence Tinney, labor		78.30
Claude Heist, labor		13.50
Archie Taylor, labor		9.75
Pickup Truck	35.10	32.20
Truck No . 2 and Plow	366.30	283.95
Truck No. 3 and Plow	496.65	352.80
"T"-20 Tractor and Plow	84.00	208.00
"T"-35 Tractor, Bulldozer and Plow	325.00	105.00
Scraper	76.75	
Maintainer	5.00	
Sander	17.75	9.25
C. H. Willey, shovel	542.50	26.50
C. W. Ward, shovel	433.12	
C. W. Ward, truck	64.50	
A. F. Gingras, loader	125.50	
A. L. White & Son, truck	23.25	
Philip Stiles, truck	8.25	
C. H. Willey, truck	281.75	12.00
C. H. Willey, mixer	18.00	
C. H. Willey, tractor	376.50	6.00

Horace Ellsworth, truck	133.50	
Carl Andrews, truck	165.00	
Mass. Broken Stone, stone	10.50	
Moulton Asphalt Co., tars	311.21	
Koppers Co., tars	1,438.56	
Harry Shaw, gravel	106.30	
F. W. Burrington, gravel	65.00	
Harry Hawkes, gravel	166.00	
C. H. Willey, gravel	74.60	
Mrs. Frank Harris, gravel	10.00	
Chester Varnum, gravel	10.00	
Dennis & Rowe, gravel	84.20	19.50
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., supplies	12.88	149.80
New Eng. Metal Culvert, culverts	508.00	
Frank J. Wells, supplies	.36	
Fred A. Fuller, gravel		12.00
Henry A. Phillips, supplies		23.33
Horace E. Warfield, supplies		20.90
Frank O. Lyman, supplies		8.50
	$9,800.36	$2,838.52

Chapter 90 Construction and Maintenance

Town Appropriation	$1,500.00	
County of Franklin	1,000.00	
State Contribution	3,650.00	
Paul Heist, Supt.		$ 283.37
Aubrey Rice, Supt.		76.40
Russell Stafford, labor		249.75
Elmer Sherman, labor		206.97
John McHaffie, labor		187.65
Lawrence Gilbert, labor		106.90
Warren Andrews, labor		193.40
Wilbur Burnett, labor		37.50
Floyd Sherman, labor		72.75
Earl O. Maynard, labor		98.70
Pickup Truck		14.90
Truck No. 2		251.90
Truck No. 3		257.53
"T"-20 Tractor		3.00
"T"-35 Tractor and Bulldozer		275.00
Sander		1.00
Scraper		7.25
C. W. Ward, shovel and operator		538.13
C. H. Willey, shovel and operator		398.13
Carl Andrews, truck		136.50

Herbert Stetson, truck		19.50
A. L. White & Son, truck		52.50
C. W. Ward, truck		43.50
Horace Ellsworth, truck		96.75
C. H. Willey, truck		114.00
C. H. Willey, mixer		16.00
C. H. Willey, tractor		46.50
Murkland Const. Co., compressor		10.00
A. F. Gingras, compressor		39.25
C. H. Willey, supplies		205.43
Frank J. Wells, supplies		8.74
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		7.34
Moulton Asphalt Co., tars		260.81
Koppers Co., tars		1,180.40
H. Newell & Co., supplies		1.90
Henry Phillips, supplies		2.40
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., supplies		40.95
Burger Metal Culvert Co., culverts		151.20
Gilbert Veber, gravel		10.00
Wunsch Bros., gravel		9.70
Carl Andrews, gravel		162.00
Harry Hawkes, gravel		274.40
	$6,150.00	$6,150.00

SUMMARY

Chapter 81

Appropriation	$2,450.00	
State contribution	7,350.00	
Expenditures		$9,800.36
Transferred from reserve	.36	
	$9,800.36	$9,800.36

Snow Roads and Bridges

Appropriation	$3,000.00	
Expenditures		$2,838.52
Credit balance		161.48
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00

MACHINERY

Appropriation	$4,000.00	
Paul Heist, Supt.		$ 55.30
Aubrey Rice, Supt.		34.30
Russell Stafford, labor		69.20
Elmer Sherman, labor		48.90

John McHaffie,		42.50
Lawrence Gilbert		21.15
Warren Andrews		38.80
Floyd Sherman		26.65
Earl Maynard		36.50
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline		610.36
No. Berk. Gas Co., lights		11.70
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., oils		84.45
W. T. Turner, rent		120.00
Registry Motor Vehicles		12.00
Frank J. Wells, supplies		139.22
Howard Jenkins, supplies		14.63
Harry Purinton, supplies		12.40
Fred Huntley, rake teeth		31.05
Union Fork & Hoe, blade		7.80
F. W. Hance, supplies		8.55
Anchor Steel Inc., blades		25.05
W. N. Potter Grain Stores Inc., supplies		2.25
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		6.27
H. T. Ford & Son, supplies		2.55
Southwestern Petrol. Co., greases		40.94
A. F. Gingras, labor and supplies		20.75
Ormonds Garage, repairs		7.15
Ware's Auto Service, supplies		11.00
C. H. Willey, equipment, labor, supplies		2,445.87
Credit balance		12.71
	$4,000.00	$4,000.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Case No. 1	$332.85
2	360.00
3	360.00
4	420.00
5	428.00
6	379.70
7	360.67
8	381.50
9	360.00
10	360.00
11	360.00
12	360.00
13	300.00
14	300.00
15	360.00
16	215.00
17	360.00

18	360.00
19	408.00
20	408.00
21	360.00
22	360.00
23	360.00
24	360.00
25	360.00
26	300.00
27	506.49
28	177.92
29	35.00
30	90.17
31	55.00
32	360.00
33	336.00
34	360.00
35	300.00
36	360.00
37	408.00
38	360.00
39.	360.00
40	360.00
41	105.00
42	330.00
43	210.00
44	120.00
45	105.00
46	15.00
47	180.00
	$14,407.30

SUMMARY

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation (Town)	$9,000.00		
Expenditures		$8,574.45	$ 8,574.45
Credit balance		425.55	
	$9,000.00	$9,000.00	
Federal Balance Jan. 1, 1941	$ 420.56		
Federal Grants during year	6,681.86		
Expenditures		$5,832.85	$ 5,832.85
Balance carried to 1942		1,269.57	
	$7,102.42	$7,102.42	$14,407.30

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Federal Balance on hand Jan. 1st	$ 107.07	
Federal Grants during year	229.20	
Transportation O. A. A. case		$ 11.80
Hobbs & Warren Inc., supplies		3.00
U. S. Post Office, supplies		16.93
Charles Fairhurst, legal advice		15.00
Frank J. Wells, agent's salary		140.00
Winston Healy, ass't agent's salary		40.00
Balance carried to 1942 account		109.54
	$ 336.27	$ 336.27

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation	$ 350.00	
Transferred from Reserve	150.00	
Case No. 1		$ 50.00
2		190.00
3		239.61
Credit balance		19.49
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

WELFARE

Appropriation	$3,500.00	
Transferred from Reserve	210.17	
Case No. 1		$ 501.36
2		1,074.54
3		177.90
4		204.00
5		32.20
6		88.62
7		409.00
8		133.67
9		87.60
10		106.71
11		616.15
12		33.00
13		76.47
14		4.25
15		34.30
16		17.86
Surplus Commodities Division		107.04
Boston Council Social Agencies		3.00
Town of Greenfield, supplies for Commodities		2.23
Postage		.27
	$3,710.17	$3,710.17

AID TO DEPENDENT CHIDREN

Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Credit balance		$ 250.00
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	$1,071.96	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		$1,071.96
	$1,071.96	$1,071.96

TOWN HALL

Appropriation	$2,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve	351.21	
James Passmore, janitor		$ 399.96
Commissioner Public Safety, boiler ins.		5.00
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		91.84
W. N. Potter Grain Stores Inc., coal		257.25
Desk Clearing House, supplies		30.00
Athol Motor Express, trucking		4.05
Seth Thomas Clock Co., supplies		14.70
Merrill C. Gould, labor		7.50
F. W. Warner, labor and supplies		20.00
Frank J. Wells, supplies		23.51
W. J. Patrick, labor		7.00
Herman Harris, supplies		8.70
D. A. Lanoue, labor and supplies		6.45
H. T. Ford & Son, labor and supplies		9.00
A. I. Goodrich, tuning piano		5.00
Charles D. Pleshaw, labor		.75
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		1.80
Horace E. Warfield,, wood		44.50
Winston Healy, wood		9.00
S. Martin, New Roof, Gutters, Brick, etc.		1,405.20
	$2,351.21	$2,351.21

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Transferred from Reserve	28.34	
Socony Vacuum Oil Co. fuel		$ 34.95
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		9.75
Frank J. Wells, supplies		17.19
F. W. Warner, Door and supplies, labor		87.64
Am. Fire Equipment Co., supplies		33.75
Howard Jenkins, labor and supplies		26.12
Quaker Rubber Corp., hose		166.60

Koehler Mfg. Co., supplies		45.69
Tire Service Co., supplies		1.46
Sherman & Stafford, repairs on Forest Truck		14.00
Harry Purinton, grease, and labor		3.40
J. R. Shea, spanners		5.00
Am. La France Foamite Co., supplies		82.79
	$ 528.34	$ 528.34

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	$2,250.00	
Winston Healy, selectman		$ 300.00
Frank J. Wells, selectman		300.00
Horace E. Warfield, selectman		300.00
Philip D. Legate, treasurer		200.00
Mary L. Carpenter, clerk		125.00
Ernest W. Payne, assessor		125.00
Winifred E. Spear, assessor		125.00
Fred O. Bicknell, collector		300.00
Clyde H. Churchill, sealer		60.00
Ernest W. Payne,, inspection slaughtering		105.43
Frank J. Wells, Fire Chief		25.00
Tellers		10.00
Posting Warrant		3.00
Credit balance		146.57
	$2,250.00	$2,250.00

BOARD PUBLIC HEALTH

Appropriation	$ 100.00	
Dr. M. B. Low		$ 50.00
Dr. F. O. Mathews		15.00
Dr. L. R. Dame		3.50
Dr. Lewis Rush		31.50
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Dr. F. O. Mathews		$ 600.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

RED CROSS NURSING SERVICE

Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Carolyne Reed, R. C. N.		$ 600.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

LEGION ROOMS

Appropriation	$ 150.00	
Walter H. Smith		$ 37.50
D. A. Lanoue		$ 112.50
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	$ 105.00	
H. A. Hicks Ins. Co.		$ 101.00
Credit balance		4.00
	$ 105.00	$ 105.00

OLD CEMETERIES

Appropriation	$ 100.00	
Leavitt Cem. Ass'n.		$ 3.00
Ray Hicks		6.00
Credit balance		91.00
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

OLD HOME DAY

Appropriation	$ 100.00	
Henry L. Avery, Treas.		$ 81.30
Credit balance		18.70
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Alfred E. Burdett		$ 35.00
Francis W. Avery		15.00
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	$ 100.00	
R. A. Newhall, speaker		$ 25.00
Blanche Ziegler, supplies		7.50
F. H. Brown, supplies		9.92
C. C. Annear, supplies		5.21
Kirkwood Bros., supplies		8.00
Martin's Bakery, supplies		4.30
Frank J. Wells, supplies		6.90
C. H. S. Drum Corps		33.17
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION

Appropriation	$ 200.00	
Roy Hicks, Supt.		$ 75.00
Fred Crocker		62.50
Ray Hicks		62.50
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

LAND DAMAGE

Appropriation	$ 10.00	
Gilbert Veber		$ 10.00
	$ 10.00	$ 10.00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

County Treasurer, dog licenses	$ 205.80
County Treasurer, County tax	2,049.44
State Treasurer, State tax	2,475.00
State Treasurer, Parks and Reservations	38.11
State Treasurer, Veterans' Exemption	6.00
State Treasurer, Repairs & Const. of Bridges	1,121.76
State Treasurer, auditing Town accounts	371.16
	$6,267.27

CEMETERY FUNDS

Treasurer Leavitt Cemetery	$ 7.00
Treasurer Village Cemetery	20.00
	$ 27.00

NOTES

Shelburne Falls National Bank, note paid	$5,000.00

MOTOR EXCISE REFUNDS

W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	1940	$ 1.46
Blanche L. Hunt	1940	3.52
Emily Canedy	1941	9.32
William E. Hallahan		12.14
Samuel B. Leland		2.00
Fred C. Brown		13.45
Paul E. Heist		3.62
George J. Gilbert		.94
Oscar C. Avery		4.60
Christine M. Turner		16.68
Robert S. Nelson		11.59
Frank J. Wells		.94
		$ 80.26

REAL ESTATE ABATEMENT

Richard Dickinson		$ 11.55

INTEREST

Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Theo. N. Waddell, director acc'ts.		$ 2.00
Shelburne Falls National Bank		8.75
Credit Balance		39.25
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

TRACTOR NOTE AND INTEREST

Appropriation	$1,040.00	
Merchants Nat'l Bank		$1,040.00
	$1,040.00	$1,040.00

FIRE TRUCK NOTE AND INTEREST

Appropriation	$1,060.00	
Merchants Nat'l Bank		$1,052.50
Credit balance		7.50
	$1,060.00	$1,060.00

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Appropriation	$ 400.00	
H. A. Hicks Ins. Co.		$ 264.08
Credit balance		135.92
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Walter H. Smith		$ 500.00
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

PROJECTS

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Town Force labor on dry hydrants		$ 36.25
Credit balance		463.75
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

LIBRARY

Appropriation	$ 300.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	40.20	
LaVerne C. Smith, salary		$ 200.00
Personal Book Shop, supplies		25.10
R. H. Huntting Co., supplies		42.39
Library Book House, supplies		45.98

National Geographic Society, subscription		3.00
Mayfair Agency, subscriptions		17.25
Credit balance		6.48
	$ 340.20	$ 340.20

TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Franklin Savings Institution		$ 600.00
Miscellaneous Repairs		15.10
		$ 615.10

RESERVE

Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Soldiers' Relief		$ 150.00
Town Hall		351.21
Welfare		210.17
Fire Department		28.34
Chapter 81		.36
Credit balance		509.92
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation	$1,400.00	
Selectmen's Expense		$ 165.18
Counsel Fees, Selectmen		215.00
Tax Collector's Expense		66.12
Counsel Fees, Collector		50.00
Clerk's Expense		20.53
Treasurer's Expense		48.55
Assessors' Expense		49.92
Western New Eng. Tel. Co.		30.70
Town Report expense		357.93
W. H. Smith, insurance		73.19
Frank J. Wells, water rent		35.00
Sealer's expense		13.21
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		6.38
Fred C. Brown, M. V. excise refund		2.00
All other expenses		51.04
Credit balance		215.25
	$1,400.00	$1,400.00

RECAPITULATION

Chapter 90 Cons't. & Maintenance	$6,150.00
Chapter 81	9,800.36
Snow, Roads and Bridges	2,838.52
Machinery	3,987.29

Old Age Assistance	14,407.30
Old Age Administration	226.73
Officer's Salaries	2,103.43
Soldiers' Relief	480.51
Welfare	3,710.17
Street Lights	1,071.96
Town Hall	2,351.21
Fire Department	528.34
Board Public Health	100.00
Town Physician	600.00
Red Cross Nursing Service	600.00
Legion Rooms	150.00
Bonding Town Officers	101.00
Old Cemeteries	9.00
Old Home Day	81.30
Town Property Insurance	500.00
Projects	36.25
Library	333.72
Tyler Memorial Library	615.10
Christmas Tree Fund	50.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Gypsy Moth Suppression	200.00
Land Damage	10.00
State and County Taxes	6,267.27
Cemetery Funds	27.00
Notes	5,000.00
Motor Excise Refunds	80.26
Real Estate Abatements	11.55
Interest	10.75
Miscellaneous	1,184.75
Tractor Note and Interest	1,040.00
Fire Truck Note and Interest	1,052.50
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	264.08
	$66,080.35

JURY LIST 1942

Edwin W. Sears
Fred J. Gilbert
Enrico Cetto, Jr.
Burton W. Avery
Stanton C. Kendrick
Walter H. Ford
Albert A. Sampson
Henry H. Phillips
Walter H. Smith
William J. Boulli
Kenneth H. Cook
Leon H. Turner
Edward G. Converse

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1941 the Department has been more active in a variety of ways than ever before in its history. Monthly meetings have been held throughout the year and the spirit and accomplishment have reached new highs.

Early in the year it sponsored the formation of a Boy Scout Troop which was successfully launched and is now thriving. During the summer, as in 1940, a Zone School was held under the leadership of Capt. Ackerman of Greenfield, and a course of 20 lessons concluded. This course was available through the cooperation of the State Department of Education. In July a lecture on incendiary bombs was arranged, the lecturer being Prof. Kemp of Boston. This was an unusually fine demonstration, and it is to be regretted that more townspeople did not take advantage of it.

Since early in the fall bi-weekly dances have been run in Goodnow Hall, the profits have been most encouraging and are being used for the purchase of the smaller items of equipment needed, such as helmets, boots, and canvas hose covers. It is hoped that it will be possible to purchase more boots, helmets, coats and small equipment from this source. Under this arrangement the Town would be left to purchase hose, nozzles, reducing tips and the pieces of heavier equipment. In this latter category the 1941 Town purchases are as follows:

200 feet 2½ inch hose 100 feet 1½ inch hose

4 Indian pumps for forest fire truck

From a statistical point of view the Department has answered 28 calls in Town, and one each in Heath and Rowe. Of the 28 fires, two resulted in the loss of houses and in the loss of a barn.

Preparations are being made to meet the increased demands which may be made on the Department. An auxiliary firemens' class is now being conducted, and upon completion the department will have a force of 30 qualified men. Arrangements are made so that a competent man is always on call in the Chief's absence. The greatest drawback to adequate coverage is the fact that wet hydrants do not exist the full length of the Town, making necessary a good deal of draft pumping which requires extra

hose. We are therefore requesting $500 additional in the 1942 appropriation to cover the purchase of 500 feet of 2½ inch hose, together with reducers which will enable it to be used with smaller size hose.

Our hearty gratitude is due Doc. Mathews for his care, without charge, of whatever injuries we have suffered, to Chet Willey for some grand outings at his camp, and Mildred McLean for handling her job and ours without a split second's delay.

No greater compliment can be paid the fire truck and the men who man it than in sayin "we are ready".

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. WELLS, Chief.

AUDITORS' REPORT

The complete written report of the State Auditors is set forth herewith, but, with the excepion of the balance sheet, the various schedules are omitted.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Charlemont for the period from January 1, 1941, the date of the previous audit, to December 6, 1941, and submit the following report thereon.

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 6, 1941.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the de-

partmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmens' warrants. The cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on December 6, 1941, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository and by inspection of the savings bank books.

The savings bank books representing the investment of trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were verified.

The payments of debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The tax title deeds in the custody of the treasurer were listed and proved with the accounts of the treasurer and collector.

The receipts for licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the licenses issued but unpaid were listed. The surety bonds filed with the town by individuals to whom liquor licenses were issued were examined and checked with the record of licenses granted.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination were audited, and all subesquent commitment lists were reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The collections, as recorded, were checked in detail to the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were checked to the assessors' abatement records, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved. The cash on hand December 6, 1941, was proved by actual count.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was obtained by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

Interest and costs on delinquent taxes should be collected in accordance with the requirements imposed by Section 57, Chapter 59, and Sections 15 and 15 A, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The time required to check the collector's accounts added materially to the cost of the audit, and it is recommended that a prompt settlement of prior years' taxes, which date back to 1936, be obtained.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were compared with the record of fees charged. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses issued. The payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand December 6, 1941, was proved by actual count.

The receipts from rents of town buildings were checked with the record of rentals, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The accounts of the public welfare, soldier's relief, and school departments were examined. The departmental records of charges were analyzed, the recorded collections were verified, and the abatements and disallowances were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The recorded receipts of the librarian for fines collected were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand December 6, 1941, was proved by actual count.

The library trustees' record of receipts from the rental of the Fred L. Tyler property, bequeathed to the town for a library, was checked. The disbursements were verified by inspection of receipted invoices and the cash balance on December 15, 1941, in the custody of the library treasurer, was turned over to the town treasurer on December 15, 1941. It appears from the provisions of the will of Fred L. Tyler that the income from the property should be used for the maintenance of the library, and it is recommended that all income be turned into the town treasury and reserved for the purpose specified.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all the town officals, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully, submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

January 6, 1942.

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT
BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 6, 1941
General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:		
General	$26,399.51	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations	$ 884.65	
		$27,284.16
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1936	$ 4.00	
Levy of 1937	9.75	
Levy of 1938	52.30	
Levy of 1939	556.01	
Levy of 1940	2,257.85	
Levy of 1941	6,684.90	
		$ 9,564.81
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1936	$ 4.45	
Levy of 1938	4.00	
Levy of 1939	6.00	
Levy of 1940	4.00	
Levy of 1941	47.18	
		$ 65.63

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loan:		
In Anticipation of Reimbursement,		$ 5,000.00
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations		884.65
State Parks adn Reservations Tax, Overestimate		2.13
Veterans' Exemption, Assessment, Overestimate		1.08
County Tax, Overestimate		25.51
Dog Licenses—Due County		67.80
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund		600.00
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Maintenance		10.00
Road Machinery Fund		3,994.81
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance—Assistance	$ 1,269.57	
Old Age Assistance—Administration	204.54	
		$ 1,474.11
Appropriation Balances		$ 9,070.68
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		1,872.05
Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1936	$ 4.00	
Levy of 1937	9.75	
Levy of 1938	52.30	
Levy of 1939	87.63	

Tax Titles		512.50	Levy of 1940	508.78	
Aid to Highways - State		1,641.02	Levy of 1941	542.29	
Departmental:					$ 1,204.75
Public Welfare	$ 1,452.34		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Old Age Assistance	9 06.85		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	$ 65.63	
Soldiers' Relief	56.90		Departmental,	2,416.09	
			Tax Title	512.50	
		$ 2,416.09			$ 2,994.22
Estimated Receipts to be Collected		1,225.99	Surplus Revenue,		$15,508.41
		$42,710.20			$42,710.20

Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$ 4,500.00	Highway Department Equipment Loan	$ 1,500.00
		Fire Department Equipment Loan	3,000.00
	$ 4,500.00		$ 4,500.00

Trust Accounts

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	$ 6,481.18	Stephen Leonard School Fund	$ 2,869.00
		Maxwell Library Fund	1,000.00
		Fred W. Hawks Library Fund	1,000.00
		Potter Cemetery	1,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	612.18
	$ 6,481.18		$ 6,481.18

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1941

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Alfred E. Burdett	Term Expires 1943
Verena Taylor	Term Expires 1942
Henry L. Avery	Term Expires 1944

Walter E. Lane	Superintendent
Horace E. Warfield	Attendance Officer
Floyd O. Mathews	School Physician
Carolyn Reed	School Nurse

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens Jan. 5, 1942
	Closes Feb. 20, 1942
Second Winter Term	Opens Mar. 2, 1942
	Closes Apr. 17, 1942
Spring Term	Opens Apr. 27, 1942
Elementary	Closes June 5, 1942
High	Closes June 12, 1942
Fall Term	Opens Sept. 8, 1942
Elementary	Closes Dec. 18, 1942
High	Closes Dec, 23, 1942
First Winter Term	Opens Jan 4, 1943

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

February 22, April 19, May 30, September 7, October 12, November 11, 26, and 27.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation		$20,400.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' Salaries	$10,810.00	
Health	300.90	
Superintendence	1,541.87	
School Committee	162.50	
Janitors	756.00	
Transportation	4,633.75	
Tuitions	102.40	
Fuel	325.83	
Books and Supplies	623.48	
Repairs	625.61	
Cafeteria	224.00	
Miscellaneous	293.76	
		$20,400.10

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Walter D. Kipp	$ 2,200.00	
Emma Vincent	1,400.00	
Audrey Miles	1,040.00	
Marie Carson	1,020.00	
Blanche Ziegler	715.00	
Eleanor Beneat	312.00	
Jeanette Hicks	902.00	
Emma Fisk	950.00	
Virginia Belanger	900.00	
Doris Norwood	925.00	
Pearl D. Mills	370.00	
Ruth Hawkes	12.00	
Thelma Purinton	64.00	
		$10,810.00

HEALTH

Madeline Smith	$ 25.00	
Carolyn Reed	275.90	
		$ 300.90

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. E. Burdett	$ 50.00	
H. L. Avery	50.00	
Verena Taylor	50.00	
Annie Stiles, Sec.	12.50	
		$ 162.50

SUPERINTENDENCE

Walter E. Lane	$ 1,527.16	
Office expenses	14.71	
		$ 1,541.87

JANITORS

Will C. Turner	$ 738.00	
Edwin Clark	18.00	
		$ 756.00

TRANSPORTATION

C. H. Willey	$ 676.00	
A. E. Burdett	676.00	
Roy Hicks	676.00	
W. D. Pierson	971.75	
Geo. Brooks	845.00	
Harold Burt	324.00	
Henry Stanford	243.00	
Chas. Baxter	222.00	
		$ 4,633.75

TUITIONS

Shelburne Falls		$ 102.40

FUEL

Potter Grain Stores	$ 398.83	
W. D. Pierson	27.00	
		$ 325.83
Books and Supplies		$ 623.48

CAFETERIA

Leora Howes		$ 224.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Northern Berkshire Gas	$ 140.48	
Water Rent	35.00	
Hall Rent	75.00	
Red Star Ribbon	1.41	
Howard and Brown	8.28	
Pro Merito	1.95	
Tracy Burdick	10.64	
Boiler Inspection	10.00	
Walter Henderson	6.00	
W. E. Lane, travel exp.	5.00	
		$ 293.76

REPAIRS

D. A. Lanoue	$ 135.97	
H. T. Ford & Son	3.70	
S. G. Gould	13.16	
C. H. Demond & Co.	108.55	
Clark Bros.	6.50	
Herman Harris	36.04	
F. W. Woolwich	4.05	
H. P. Davenport	40.94	
F. J. Wells	.90	
S. K. Nelson	23.25	
Milton Bradley	11.88	
A. L. Avery & Son	15.77	
Carl Billado	73.40	
Will Turner	69.50	
L. C. Smith Co.	70.00	
Israel LeMay	11.00	
A. E. Gingras	1.00	
		$ 625.61

Since conditions prevailing in war times are always uncertain, and since wages and school materials usually increase, it is the opinion of the Board that a five percent increase at least in the school budget should be considered for the coming year to carry on school activities as usual, accordingly a budget of $21,500.00 has been estimated to defray all school expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. BURDETT, Chairman
H. L. AVERY
MRS. T. S. TAYLOR

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Charlemont:

Herewith is a report concerning the schools for the year ending December 31, 1941.

Fortunately in these times when there is an evident shortage of teachers, Charlemont has lost but one teacher. Miss Blanche Ziegler resigned September third and was released after two weeks. Mrs. Doris Norwood accepted the position and with Miss Eleanor Beneat took her place at East Charlemont. The following is a list of our teaching personnel and also a list of the Bus drivers.

Teachers

Walter D. Kipp, Principal of the Village Schools.

Emma Vincent.

Audrey Miles.	Emma Fisk.
Marie Carson.	Virginia Belanger.
Doris Norwood.	Eleanor Beneat.
Jeanette Hicks.	Pearl Mills, music.

Bus Drivers

W. D. Pierson.	Roy Hicks.
Geo. Brooks.	Henry Stanford.
A. E. Burdett.	Chas. Baxter.
C. H. Willey.	Harold Burt.

After the appropriations of last year were made, the State Department of Public Safety presented a program of changes to be carried out immediately at the Village School. This has caused the School Board some embarrassment since funds were not raised for these changes. They are as follows: a fire alarm system with clock (electric) attached, a renewal of all outlets in the electric wiring system throughout the entire building, the installation of gas and the use of gas plates for the cafeteria and household arts program, the provision for another exit from the cafeteria room in the basement room, which included cutting a doorway through the stone wall, the purchase of an extra large

door, the building of concrete steps to the surface of the ground, with a roof over them, and new exit signs with letters five inches in height.

Our new deep well on the school grounds at the Village has provided a sufficient quantity of good water for all school purposes. The development of this well has proved a major step in health and protection for our school children, especially since an abundance of water has been available all through the fall when drought conditions have prevailed. The spring on which we depended before drilling the well would have failed us entirely because of the lack of rainfall, and without a good supply the school would have continued with difficulty if at all.

Nourishing lunches are provided by the school cafeteria, under the direction of Mrs. Leora Howes. Much help has been received in the school lunch program from the Surplus Commodities Division and the gifts from friends.

Charlemont School Drum Corps has made an excellent record for the year appearing at a number of celebrations in surrounding towns. The Corps placed third in class C in the Junior Music Festival at the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield. At this program our drum majorette, Miss Janet Burdett, placed second among all majorettes. Mr. Adrian Poirot, of Florida, Massachusetts, has been directing the Corps since last summer. New valve bugles have recently been purchased from funds earned by the Corps, and through the efforts of the Drum Corps Committee.

Charlemont may well be proud of the fact that at least a score of its high school graduates and former students are now serving in some branch of the armed forces of our country. Principal Walter D. Kipp has also offered his services to the U. S. Navy and may be called in the near future.

Our country needs the combined efforts of every man, woman, and child in every community to assure the ultimate victory of freedom in this war. There is probably no more important program for our children at this time than that of continuing their education. Since everyone shoulders responsibility in carrying out civic duties in a democracy, the time for education and planning for that future respon-

sibility is in youth, therefore it is advisable to remain in school and thoroughly prepare oneself for the future. Our school should be carried on as normally and as efficiently as possible that no child of this age may suffer for a lack of educational opportunity. Already war conditions have had a tendency to increase prices of certain commodities and it is not surprising for school costs also to be affected. There is plenty of evidence that the citizens of Charlemont have always been willing to provide adequate funds for the support of their schools even in times when the town may have been at a low level in financial strength.

Resources due the town for 1941 because of schools:

Massachusetts School Fund	Part 1	$1,540.00
	Part 2	4,209.67
Superintendence		796.07
Special Aid High School		1,000.00
Tuitions		1,332.80
State Wards		180.18
Vocational		258.89
Int. on Leonard Fund		57.56
		$9,375.17

The general growth and progress of the schools has been very good for the year as revealed from the examinations, written work and standardized achievements tests.

While there is a feeling that several improvements in repairs and maintenance are due to be carried out soon for our schools, owing to possible demands unknown, and the lack of help it may be unwise to make extensive plans for such developments.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation to members of the School Committee, to teachers, and to all citizens of the School Committee, to teachers, and to all citizens who have assisted in any way in carrying out educational activities advantageous to our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. LANE,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The enrollment for Charlemont High School shows an increase of fourteen pupils above that of last year.

The new courses in Business Training instituted last year have been very well received by both parents and pupils and are progressing in a very satisfactory manner.

The course in Safe Driving has proved to be of very great value. Several speakers from the State Department of Public Health and the Registry of Motor Vehicles have addressed the school on the subjects of health and safety.

Our school is now honored by being placed permanently on the list of accredited schools by the New England Certification Board. Until the last year we have been on a year to year basis.

The school is very grateful to the citizens of this and the surrounding towns who supported our magazine campaign in such a generous manner. This excellent cooperation enabled the school to realize an exceptionally large sum for its activities.

THE FACULTY

Mr. Walter D. Kipp, Principal—Mathematics, Science, Athletics.

Mrs. E. B. Vincent—History, Social Studies, Household Arts.

Mrs. E. B. Miles—English, Dramatics.

Miss Marie Carson—Languages, Business Training, Athletics.

THE ENROLLMENT FOR 1941 - '42

	Boys	Girls	Total
Freshmen	8	12	20
Sophomores	7	9	16
Juniors	5	8	13
Seniors	1	6	7
Post Graduates	0	1	1
	21	36	57
Left	1	3	4
Total	20	37	53

THE 1941 GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional ..... March

Invocation ..... Rev. Arthur A. Simmons

Salutatory ..... Horace C. Burrington

Salutatory, "English Comes First" ..... Alice A. Angeli

Essay, "Choosing Your Life's Work," Alfred W. Pike, Jr.

Class Prophecy ..... Charlotte R. Henderson

"Welcome Pretty Primrose Flower" ..... Girls' Chorus

Essay, "The Future of the Amazon Basin,"
Smead A. Hillman

Valedictory, "An Island Queen" ..... Virginia J. Raymond

"Send Out Thy Light," Charles Gounod ..... Girls' Chorus

Presentation of Awards Mr. Walter D. Kipp, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas
Mr. Walter E. Lane, Superintendent

"America" ..... Chorus and Audience

THE 1941 GRADUATES

WITH HONORS

Alice Augusta Angeli
Virginia June Raymond

GRADUATES

Edgar Gale Dickinson
Smead Arthur Hillman
Charlotte Ruth Henderson
Alfred William Pike, Jr.

THE 1941 GRADUATION AWARDS

Senior Opportunity Awards

Edgar Dickinson
Charlotte Henderson

Pro Merito Awards

New Members

Janet Burdett John Goodwin Esther Knott

Permanent Certificates

Alice Angeli Virginia Raymond

Patrick J. Coyne Post of the American Legion
Merit Awards

Smead Hillman Virginia Raymond

Sons of the American Revolution Franklin Medal
for Excellence in United States History

Virginia Raymond

Becker College Key for Excellence in Commercial Studies

Charlotte Henderson

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Pilgrim Pin

Virginia Raymond

Valedictorian Award — Subscription to the Readers Digest

Virginia Raymond

Special Awards by the Danforth Foundation

Alfred Pike Alice Angeli

Pupils on the

HONOR ROLL FOR 1941

First Honors	*Second Honors*
SENIORS	
Alice Angeli	Edgar Dickinson
Charlotte Henderson	
Virginia Raymond	
JUNIORS	
Janet Burdett	Hazel Clark
John Goodwin	Ruth Legate
Esther Knott	Floyd Parker

SOPHOMORES

Helen Burnett
Mary Kendrick
Catherine Stinehour
Roberta Henderson
David Newton

FRESHMEN

Gordon Gilbert
Ernest Hicks
Phyllis Liese
Betty Flynn
Helen Baldelli

HIGHEST HONORS IN EACH COURSE FOR 1940 - '41

Algebra 1	Ernest Hicks
Algebra 2	Mary Kendrick
Civics	Catherine Stinehour
Commercial Geography	Gordon Gilbert
English 1	Gordon Gilbert
English 2	Mary Kendrick
English 4	Virginia Raymond
French 1	Mary Kendrick
French 2	Janet Burdett
Household Arts	Virginia Raymond
General Science	Betty Flynn
Latin 2	Mary Kendrick
Physics	Edgar Dickinson
Social Economics	Hazel Clark
Stenography 1	Helen Burnett
Typewriting 1	Charlotte Henderson
United States History	Virginia Raymond
Vocational Guidance	Catherine Stinehour
World History	Gordon Gilbert
Safe Driving	Esther Knott

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS. Clark School of Northampton won the Franklin County basketball title for the second successive year. Our boys finished last although many of the games were closely contested.

Our girls' team took second place after a close race with Powers Institute.

The boys fielded a very good baseball team and won three of the four games played.

The girls' softball team played three games and won one.

In track our school was represented by a relay team that participated in the State Relay Carnival held at Fitchburg. A small team managed to take third place in the Class A meet held at the Greenfield Fair.

DRAMATICS. During the Spring Term the Senior Class presented the comedy "Sound Your Horn," under the direction of Mrs. E. B. Miles.

A highly entertaining minstrel show was put on for the benefit of the Athletic Association on November 14.

DRUM CORPS. The C. H. S. Drum Corps took part in a considerable number of parades and exhibitions during the past year. Its outstanding accomplishments were as follows:

Took the $25 First Prize at the Readsboro, Vermont, competition.

Third place and $20 prize at the Eastern States Exposition.

TRAVEL. The Class of 1941 made a trip to Washington, D. C., and New York City under the supervision of Miss Marie Carson.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. KIPP,
Principal.

REPORT OF TOWN PHYSICIAN

To the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont and School Committee I herewith submit my annual report as examining physician of our schools.

Our routine work has again been accomplished and very few serious defects noted. The report of the number examined and defects remedied will be found in the report of the nurse.

We have been very fortunate in that no serious epidemics have come to us during the past twenty years. A few have started but were quickly arrested. We also have been Providentially protected by not having any deaths among our pupils during the past twenty years. This is something of a record not to be equalled by any community.

I believe our greatest menace to life, especially in the winter, is the fact that we are obliged to walk in the road instead of on the sidewalk. This is certainly a great menace and should be corrected.

Under the constant vigilance of our Superintendent, the untiring work of our nurse and the watchful care of our janitor we have had a fine spirit of cooperation working to improve the health of our pupils. In this spirit of helpfulness we must not overlook our teachers who attend to so many things outside of education such as putting on necessary wraps at recess and taking them off when the pupils come into school. This is certainly a great help and without the interest of our teachers all of our work would be in vain.

I wish to thank the people of Charlemont for their unity of purpose and aid to us in our work. I am sure our record will stand strict scrutiny; and I hope we may uphold our accomplishments during the future years.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. F. O. MATHEWS,
School Physician.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Charlemont, Mass., Jan. 8, 1942

Mr. Walter Lane, Superintendent of Schools,
Charlemont, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Lane:

From the physical examinations of both pre-school and school children, we found dentistry the most neglected. Quite a number of children are under-nourished—not so much from lack of food as from lack of judgment in right foods.

Ten pupils needed further examination of the eyes following the school test. All the pupils' hearing was tested with the audiometer. Six marked hearing losses were found.

Twenty-five school visits were made; seventy-five home visits and twenty-three trips made taking children to doctors, dentists and clinics.

Dr. Low vaccinated sixteen pre-school children on June 23rd and 24th. Twelve babies were given toxoid treatments starting June 23rd.

Dr. Florence Hopkins made a dental survey of the high school in June. Of the forty-two pupils examined, only eleven did not need dental work.

Dr. Low examined forty-eight pre-school children on June 23rd and 24th. Miss Ruth Dickenson, nutritionist from the state health department helped Miss Whitteker and the nurse in the well child conference.

A Health Council was organized this year to better coordinate the efforts of the school physician, school nurse, teachers and janitor.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYNE REED, R. N.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Walter E. Lane, Superintendent of Schools,
Charlemont, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lane:

I submit herewith my first report as Supervisor of Music in the schools of the Town of Charlemont for the year ending December 31, 1941.

I believe music instruction is warranted in the Public Schools for the following reasons:

(a) It enriches life's experiences.
(b) It gives pleasure in participating with others.
(c) It enables one to give pleasure to others.
(d) It may be a life vocation.
(e) It contributes to mental health.
(f) It creates a desire for better music.

Every child is born with certain musical senses which are developed thru music experiences. The music activities must be so varied as to reach each child so that he may develop according to his particular talents and capacities.

The seventh and eighth grades have given two public performances this year. In March they presented for a second time the pageant "Our Heritage of Song." The attempt was successful as every pupil took an active part and it was an educational as well as a musical program.

In May the same grades presented the operetta "The Beauty Contest" with very fine results. The financial proceeds being added to the Boston Trip Fund.

In June pupils of East Charlemont school and grades one thru six of the Village School presented a program of Folk Songs, Folk Dances and Songs learned during the school year.

A large group of High School students presented a Minstrel Show in November for benefit of the Athletic Association.

In all of these programs as well as the daily music lesson a great improvement is noted in quality of tone, diction, pitch and general ability.

New music books have been bought for grades three, four, five, six and new ones are needed in grades seven and eight.

The High School Chorus is doing interesting work and new music has recently been secured for it. Mr. Kipp has very kindly added time to the chorus period, forty minutes once a week.

I wish to thank you for your kindly advice and co-operation during the year. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation of the work done by the teachers throughout the school system.

Respectfully submitted,

PEARL D. MILLS.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS OF CHARLEMONT FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN JUNE, 1941

Name	School	Av. Attend.	Enrollment
Walter D. Kipp	High	39.6	42
Emma Vincent			
Audrey Pettengill			
Marie Carson			
Virginia Belanger	Grades 1-2	15.9	19
Emma W. Fisk	Grades 3-4	18.3	20
Jeanette Hicks	Grades 5-6	20.1	21
Blanche Ziegler	Grades 7-8	28.2	33
Doris DuPont	East	15.1	16

	Elementary	Secondary
Boys	48	19
Girls	61	23
	109	42
Vocational tuitions paid		8
Non-resident	5	15
Average attendance	107	38
Number of days of school	173	180

Pupils not absent one half day:

Patricia Annear, Edward Clark, Wallace McLean, Edward Stafford.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1941

RECEIPTS

General cash in Treasury, January 1, 1941	$ 16,605.30	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	884.65	
Town of Dartmouth, soldiers relief refund	69.27	
County Treasurer, dog license money refund	181.20	
Mass. Director of Standards, H. & P. License	6.00	
Walter Hunt, garage rent	15.00	
American Red Cross, refund on telephone calls	.90	
John E. Bond, fire insurance refund	25.59	
The Shelburne Falls National Bank, loan for highway work	5,000.00	
W. E. Lane, Supt. Schools, banks and vender returns	9.00	
C. H. Willey purchase of North School House	40.00	
Wilbur Burnett, purchase of Legate Hill school house	35.00	
Lawrence Tinney, purchase of Center school house	60.00	
John McHaffie, purchase of Albee school house	10.50	
Franklin County District Court, fines	10.00	
Clyde Churchill, sealer's fees	26.03	
LaVernie C. Smith, library fines	18.22	
John Sullivan, adv. in Recorder-Gazette	1.50	
Frank J. Wells, adv. in Recorder-Gazette	1.50	
Alfred Gingras, adv. in Recorder-Gazette	1.50	
Cecil Kennedy, adv. in Recorder-Gazette	1.50	
Licenses and Permits, other than liquor	160.50	
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	700.00	
Town Clerk, dog license fees	205.80	
Town Hall Rent, Red Cross	180.00	
Town Hall Rent, entertainments	21.00	
Town Hall Rent, school office	125.00	
State Treasurer, Dept. of Agriculture	25.00	
State Treasurer reimbursement for loss of taxes	254.21	
State Treasurer, Highway Fund Chap. 420 Acts of 1941	3,784.23	
State Treasurer, income tax	3,469.15	
State Treasurer, Business Corp. Tax	418.70	
State Treasurer, Corp. Public Service	95.81	
Fred L. Tyler, Estate	600.00	
Fred L. Tyler, Memorial Library, income	120.08	
Stephen Leonard Library Fund, interest	40.20	
Potter Cemetery Fund, interest	20.00	
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund, care of lot	3.00	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund, care of lot	4.00	
		$ 33,229.34

TAXES

1936 Poll Taxes	$ 2.00	
1937 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	53.36	
1938 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	258.28	
1939 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	3,611.67	
1940 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	4,036.66	
1941 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	23,778.56	
1937 Motor Excise Taxes	12.10	
1938 Motor Excise Taxes	3.90	
1940 Motor Excise Taxes	106.92	
1941 Motor Excise Taxes	2,214.93	
		$ 34,078.38

INTEREST

Treasurer's Deposits	$ 100.50	
Surplus War Bonus Fund	17.77	
Deferred Taxes	338.55	
		$ 456.82

WELFARE

Town of Colrain, refund	$ 751.48	
Franklin County District Court	312.00	
State Treasurer, temporary aid and trans.	2,208.84	
		$ 3,272.32

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer State	$ 5,724.66	
State Treasurer U. S. Grant	6,681.86	
State Treasurer, for cost of administration	229.20	
Town of Buckland, refund	90.00	
Town of Rowe, refund	102.00	
Town of Monroe, refund	90.00	
Town of Fairhaven, refund	52.50	
Town of Deerfield, refund	5.00	
		$ 12,975.22

SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund	$ 4,209.67	
State Treasurer, Supt. of small towns 1940	796.07	
State Treasurer, Supt. of small towns 1941	796.07	
State Treasurer, vocational education	258.89	
State Treasurer, tuition of children	180.18	
State Treasurer, high school tuition	1,000.00	
Town of Rowe, high school tuition	312.80	
Town of Hawley, high school tuition	601.68	
Town of Heath, high school, tuition	180.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund, interest	57.56	
		$ 8,392.92

HIGHWAYS

County Treasurer, Chapter 90	$ 1,000.00	
State Treasurer, Chapter 90	3,650.00	
State Treasurer, Chapter 81	7,209.65	
		$ 11,859.65

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Town Equipment, for Town work	$ 3,208.73	
Town Equipment, Miscel.	12.25	
		$ 3,220.98
		$107,485.63

PAYMENTS

Fifty-Two Selectmen's Warrants	$ 66,080.35	
Twelve School Lists	20,400.10	
General Cash in the Treasury, Dec. 31, 1941	20,102.76	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	902.42	
		$107,485.63

Respectfully submitted

PHILIP D. LEGATE, Treasurer

Town Trust Funds Held by the Treasurer

December 31, 1941

The Maxwell Library Fund	$ 1,000.00	
Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund	1,000.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund	2,869.00	
The Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund	250.77	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund	212.60	
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund	154.09	
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund	600.00	
		$ 7,086.46

Respectfully submitted

PHILIP D. LEGATE, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS, 1941

Births

Date	Name	Parents
Feb. 28	Gladys Evelyn Meunier	Wilfred J. and Frances O. Meunier
May 3	Gene Gilbert Griswold	Lewis G. and Eunice M. Griswold
June 20	Donald Lawrence Sherman	James W. and Viola V. Sherman
July 20	Richard Howard Breen	Roy H. and Ruth H. Breen
July 21	Agnes Minetta Stafford	Russell M. and Clara E. Stafford
Aug. 20	Robert Frederick Stinehour	Robert F. and Edith G. Stinehour
Aug. 21	Leland Larry Sherman	Elmer L. and Mary E. Sherman
Aug. 31	John Arthur Streeter	Charles E. and Marjorie T. Streeter
Nov. 15	Ernest Edward Lively	Ernest E. and Irene Lively
Dec. 14	Chester James Lamore	Herby and Desneige Lamore

COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
13	14	15	14	10

Marriages

Date	Name	Residence
Mar. 16	Weino Hjalmar Ahola	New York City, N. Y.
	Elizabeth Shirley McHaffie	Charlemont, Mass.
Apr. 19	John Wentworth Allen	Pawtucket, R. I.
	Elisabeth Deering Lane	Charlemont, Mass.
May 12	Cleo Lodge McKay	Charlemont, Mass.
	Helena Blanche LaCasse	Charlemont, Mass.
July 25	James R. Mollison	Goshen, Mass.
	Rose M. Purinton	Buckland, Mass.
Aug 19	Bruno Mickeleit	Boston, Mass.
	Juanito Newcomb	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 31	Edward Ross Boutwell	Greenfield, Mass.
	Viola Eva Bruffee	Buckland, Mass.
Sept. 27	Robert Sanderson King	Shelburne Falls, Mass.
	Bernice Irene Henderson	Charlemont, Mass.
Oct. 7	James William Scott	Wilmington, Mass
	Cora Grace Cooke	Wilmington, Mass.
Oct. 11	Harley Hunkler	Charlemont, Mass.
	Elsie Lena Burnett	Charlemont, Mass.

Oct. 18—Howard R. Jenkins	Charlemont,	Mass.
Beulah E. Smith	Charlemont,	Mass.
Oct. 21—Lester Tinney Clark	Hawley,	Mass.
Grace Albee McHaffie	Charlemont,	Mass.
Nov. 1—Andreas E. Royer	Heath,	Mass.
Edith M. Coates	Heath,	Mass.
Dec. 26—Gerald Theodore Reymond	Hawley,	Mass.
Bessie Pierson	Charlemont,	Mass.

COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
8	4	6	12	13

Deaths

Date	Name	Age Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 14	Martha I. Tanner	83	4	24
Feb. 20	Adelle E. Lyman	74	6	3
Feb. 21	Lucy M. Barrus	82	2	27
Mar. 13	Guelma J. Jillson	85	11	7
Mar. 19	Grace E. Kipp	80	1	10
May 24	Carrie J. Legate	88	4	8
May 28	William Elijah Bardwell	79	....	26
June 24	Verne E. Bliss	50	9	5
June 26	Charles Nelson Holden	93	9	5
July 5	Archie L. Hicks	52	10	4
Aug. 12	Brenton Vaun Pleshaw	24	....	14
Oct. 10	Henry H. Heist	69	3	1
Nov. 17	Charles Alden Holden	63	3	16
Nov. 19	Sophia Jennie Leazer	79	3	27
Nov. 22	Albert L. Veber	81	1	11

COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
10	13	17	23	15

98 DOG LICENSES ISSUED

66 Male Dog Licenses at $2.00	$ 132.00	
24 Spayed Female Licenses at $2.00	48.00	
8 Female Licenses at $5.00	40.00	
		$ 220.00
Paid Town Treasurer	$ 200.40	
Fees Retained	19.60	
		$ 220.00

195 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

1 DUPLICATE LICENSE

15	Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses issued free to persons over seventy (70) years old.		
44	Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $2.00	$ 88.00	
68	Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $2.00	136.00	
31	Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at $3.25	100.75	
21	Women's and Minors' Fishing Licenses at $1.25	26.25	
3	Resident Citizens Trapping Licenses at $5.25	15.75	
10	Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses at $1.50	15.00	
1	Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing License at $5.25	5.25	
2	Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $10.25	20.50	
1	Duplicate License at $.50	.50	
			$ 408.00
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	$ 363.00	
	Fees Retained	45.00	
			$ 408.00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF CHARLEMONT ASSESSORS, 1941

	Valuation Personal Estate	*Valuation Real Estate*
Adams, Mrs. Dorothy	$ 100.00	$ 1,350.00
Adams, Glenn		300.00
Adams, Eva M.		900.00
Adams, N. Eugene	615.00	
Adler, Carl	150.00	
Adler, Pearl T.		900.00
Albee, John E.		400.00
Anderson, Anders	100.00	700.00
Anderson, Raymond	1,500.00	2,150.00
Andrews, Mrs. Bertha		575.00
Angeli, Augusto	90.00	1,800.00
Angeli, Charles	185.00	2,450.00
Annear, Cyrus C.	250.00	1,850.00
Ashton, Francis E.		700.00
Avery, Deane, heirs or devisees		4,485.00
Avery, Francis W.	690.00	1,535.00
Avery, Nellie J and Francis W.		4,785.00
Avery, Henry L.		8,450.00
Avery, A. L. & Son	10,040.00	
Avery, Oscar C.		17,350.00
Avery, Mrs. Maria		1,500.00
Aola, Weino		600.00
Ballard, Henry L.	455.00	3,875.00
Bardwell, William E.		3,630.00
Barnes, Benjamin B.	150.00	3,000.00
Barnes, Daniel D.		400.00
Barnes, Edwin R.		1,100.00
Bemis, Geo. E., heirs or devisees		7,300.00
Bicknell, Fred O.		5,750.00
Blodgett, Harold		1,150.00
Booth, William H.		550.00
Booth, Robert	50.00	150.00
Bolton, George E.		300.00
Boston & Maine R. R.		7,000.00
Baxter, Charle M.	45.00	
Bremer, Ruth M.		1,180.00
Bremer, H. J.	273.00	
Brown, Fred C.	125.00	3,150.00

Boullie, Wm. J. and Anna T.	.....	2,000.00
Burt, Harold A. and Marie	.....	1,125.00
Burt, William R.	380.00	2,775.00
Burdett, Alfred E.	25.00	.....
Burnett, W. L.	145.00	1,350.00
Burrington, F. B., heirs or devisees	.....	700.00
Cadwell, John et al	150.00	500.00
Canedy, Floyd	.....	750.00
Canedy, Jennie	.....	3,000.00
Canedy, Randolph G.	150.00	.....
Carpenter, Dennis V.	.....	2,250.00
Cassidy, George E.	150.00	1,500.00
Cetto, Enrico	75.00	1,300.00
Chapman, George	25.00	.....
Charlemont Wood Products Co.	150.00	6,550.00
Charles, Frederick R.	200.00	.....
Churchill, Charles S.	.....	2,150.00
Churchill, M. H.	.....	150.00
Churchill, Helen W.	.....	1,500.00
Clark, E. T. & Stafford, H. M.	.....	2,000.00
Clark, Frank S., heirs or devisees	.....	3,180.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret	.....	400.00
Clark, Walter W., heirs or devisees	.....	5,200.00
Cook, Helen	.....	1,900.00
Cooley, Olive A.	.....	1,700.00
Cope, Alfred E.	400.00	2,070.00
Conley, Fred J.	1,035.00	6,960.00
Converse, Nellie F. & Edward G.	.....	5,100.00
Creek, Floyd B. & Flora E.	.....	2,885.00
Crocker, Jennie M.	.....	625.00
Crocker, Fred	40.00	.....
Davenport, Carlton P.	.....	3,000.00
Davenport, Louis A.	.....	250.00
Davenport, William A.	.....	400.00
Davenport, William L.	.....	3,000.00
Dickinson, Alice G.	65.00	1,800.00
Dickinson, Richard	.....	250.00
Dickinson, Edgar G.	.....	240.00
Earl, Thomas	.....	1,200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E.	400.00	200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E & Bernice S.	.....	975.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S.	.....	1,000.00
Egan, John J. & Alice V.	100.00	2,475.00

Fife, Sanford	120.00	5,600.00
Fisk, Miss Ella		1,700.00
Fisk, Roscoe R.	610.00	5,020.00
First National Stores Inc.	40.00	
Fitzroy, Verne	80.00	
Flanders, Luther E.		1,250.00
Ford, Frank B., heirs or devisees		4,700.00
Ford, H. T.		4,000.00
Ford, H. T. & Son	1,000.00	3,675.00
Foliated Talc Co.		200.00
Frary, Eliza N.		2,500.00
Fuller, Fred A.		7,380.00
Fuller, Alice M.		1,000.00
Gilbert, Clifford J.	100.00	1,000.00
Gilbert, Edward	150.00	3,150.00
Gingras, Alfred	1,000.00	7,650.00
Glaze, Marjorie	100.00	1,400.00
Gould, Grace C.		3,800.00
Gould, Syril G.	500.00	
Greenfield Co-operative Bank		5,200.00
Graf, Edward P. & Mary A.		2,225.00
Grover, Albina		3,650.00
Grover, Joseph W.	95.00	
Harris, Frank R., heirs or devisees		2,225.00
Harris, Ethel R.	673.00	630.00
Harris, Herbert R.	240.00	1,300.00
Harris, Herman F.	435.00	1,700.00
Harris, Irvin J.	160.00	650.00
Harris, Ralph E.	95.00	2,000.00
Harris, May P.		600.00
Hager, Clifford J.		280.00
Hager, O. J.		2,200.00
Hager, Verne	500.00	
Heist, Claude E.	90.00	1,250.00
Heist, Harry H.	178.00	2,680.00
Heist, Paul E.	45.00	730.00
Hillard, Luman H.		100.00
Haywood, Cora R.		2,300.00
Healy, Winston	1,175.00	3,450.00
Healy, J. J.	1,220.00	24,090.00
Hawkes, Harry F.	500.00	
Hawkes, Chas. W., heirs or dev.		6,150.00

Hawkes, Arthur L.	815.00	5,965.00
Hallihan, William E.	500.00	4,620.00
Harmon, James B.	.....	2,100.00
Harwood, Fannie E.	.....	2,650.00
Harwood, Clarence R.	100.00	.....
Harrington, Henry L.	.....	1,400.00
Hathaway, Arthur	.....	1,300.00
Hartwell, Ernest	.....	2,100.00
Holden, Charles N. & Son	80.00	5,070.00
Hicks, Ray C.	1,035.00	1,865.00
Hicks, Roy A.	690.00	2,175.00
Hicks, Archie L. & Victoria H.	.....	3,300.00
Hunkler, Frank R.	115.00	2,300.00
Hunt, Blanche L.	.....	1,800.00
Henderson, Walter A.&Lenabel H.	.....	1,800.00
James, Alice L.	.....	600.00
Jillson, Fred A., heirs or devisees	.....	2,700.00
Jillson, Guelma J.	.....	4,850.00
Jenkins, Howard	500.00	.....
Johnson, Frank L. & Son	460.00	4,595.00
Johnston, Mrs. Sarah J.	.....	2,800.00
Kendrick, John H., heirs or dev.	355.00	3,570.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,200.00	17,075.00
Kirchlechner, Ignatz, heirs or dev.	.....	785.00
Kirchlechner, Frank	450.00	465.00
Kork, Antone, heirs or devisees	.....	350.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose	.....	2,330.00
Lees, Minnie W.	.....	850.00
Lively, Ernest E.	.....	2,300.00
Lively, Arthur	190.00	1,700.00
Lively, Levi	.....	3,500.00
Legate, Annie S.	.....	450.00
Legate, Ida L.	.....	4,250.00
Legate, Harry F.	.....	2,600.00
Leazer, Mrs. Sophia	.....	800.00
Leazer, William	50.00	.....
Leland, Harold A.	110.00	2,100.00
Leland, Samuel B.	110.00	845.00
Leise, Jesse E.	.....	4,720.00
Lilly, Mrs. Sarah, heirs or devisees	.....	1,000.00
Lincoln, Lulu D.	.....	2,400.00

Lyman, Mrs. Adelle		3,975.00
Lyman, Frank O.	1,125.00	
Lyman, Geraldine H.		4,650.00
Lemay, Isreal G.	140.00	1,000.00
Malcolm, David J.		4,000.00
Maynard, Ray W.		900.00
Marcy, Mary S.		400.00
Merrill, Roy S.		3,400.00
Merrill, Philip		1,400.00
Miller, Mrs. Bessie A.		1,050.00
Miller, Helen W.	300.00	2,150.00
Mathys, George L.		1,300.00
Murtha, Francis P.		560.00
Moors, Ethel P.		700.00
Moriarty, John L.	500.00	1,600.00
Murray, Frank E.	70.00	2,565.00
Murphy, John P.		900.00
Martin, Edward H.		1,700.00
MacLean, Harold W.	400.00	
Maynard, Earl O.		1,500.00
McHaffie, John W.	100.00	900.00
McKenna, Teresa A.		5,000.00
Nadeau, George E.		1,500.00
Negus, Anna L.		2,230.00
Newton, Mrs. Elizabeth F.		790.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	16,250.00	
New England Power Co.	7,240.00	62,900.00
New England Box Co.		4,035.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	25,000.00	
North Adams Trust Co.		4,100.00
Oakes, Daniel M.		100.00
Oakes, Mrs. Edith L.		1,300.00
Orr, Charles H. et al		2,800.00
Orr, Dorman	400.00	
Osborne, Wallace	80.00	
Osborne, Mrs. Lucy		4,300.00
Pardee, Eben H.		3,900.00
Payne, Ernest W.		4,850.00
Perdinis, O. S. & Son		300.00
Perry, Mrs. Elsie		150.00
Phillips, Henry H.	550.00	2,100.00

Pierce, Mrs. Maria A.	100.00	
Pierson, William D.	1,725.00	4,685.00
Pleshaw, Charles D.		1,150.00
Pope, Charles A.	1,000.00	16,700.00
Potter, Mark W.	460.00	
Potter, Mrs. Elizabeth C.		17,650.00
Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	350.00	10,175.00
Postal Tel. & Cable Co.	800.00	
Porrovecchio, James	40.00	
Pratt, Clement L.		150.00
Pratt, Walter M.		2,000.00
Purinton, Harry	25.00	
Purinton, Albert T.	430.00	1,350.00
Purinton & Ward		50.00
Purrington, Gordon		600.00
Purrington, Orrin D.		160.00
Rice, George A., heirs or devisees		750.00
Rice, John D.	45.00	3,900.00
Rice, William C.	125.00	2,450.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F.		1,600.00
Richmond, Burke	230.00	2,290.00
Rivers, Rena M.		3,600.00
Robinson, William C.		3,900.00
Richardson, Lester R.		200.00
Riddell, Hugh	80.00	
Ryan, Helena T.		1,150.00
Richmond, Homer H.		1,280.00
Sampson, Albert A.	350.00	3,950.00
Sandri, A. R.		2,450.00
Sears, Clarence	75.00	
Sears, Edwin W.		3,800.00
Sears, Mrs. Jennie Z.		25.00
Shaw, Robert A.	20.00	
Shaw, Mrs. A. E.		3,250.00
Shaw, Ballard G.	200.00	
Shaw, Harry P.		1,040.00
Sherman, Homer		200.00
Sherman, James M.	95.00	580.00
Sherman, Cecil		250.00
Sherman, Elmer L.		580.00
Simmons, Mrs. Florence R.	250.00	8,000.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E.	570.00	2,360.00

Smart, Fred A.	.....	3,600.00
Smith, Walter H. & Lavernie C.	.....	1,700.00
Smith, Walter H.	25.00	7,600.00
Smith, Elizabeth	.....	2,700.00
Spear, Elbert F.	.....	3,400.00
Stanford, Henry	35.00	.....
Stafford, Chauncy K.	1,000.00	.....
Stafford, Frank E.	35.00	3,000.00
Stacy, Henen B.	.....	200.00
Starr, J. H. heirs or devisees	.....	600.00
Stark, William	25.00	.....
Stone, Walter E.	200.00	450.00
Streeter, Charles E.	.....	2,500.00
Sullivan, Wilhermina	550.00	6,600.00
Snow, Eva V., et al	.....	200.00
Shapiro, Samuel	115.00	.....
Snead, W. Hunter & Marjory T.	.....	1,270.00
Tanner, Nellie O.	.....	3,520.00
Taylor, Archie F.	35.00	350.00
Taylor, Frank J.	.....	1,440.00
Taylor, Theron S.	.....	4,200.00
Temple, Mrs. Alice, heirs or dev.	.....	300.00
Temple, John H.	.....	300.00
Turner, Dora E.	.....	2,800.00
Turner, Christine	.....	4,650.00
Turner, William T.	.....	4,700.00
Turner, William C.	.....	1,900.00
Tarvin, James C.	50.00	4,500.00
Tinney, Floyd O.	95.00	770.00
Tinney, Laurence S.	100.00	.....
Tinney, Irvin F.	.....	1,250.00
Thayer, Fordyce A.	1,245.00	4,280.00
Tower, Edgar D.	505.00	.....
Tower, Mabel A.	.....	3,300.00
Tullis, Nellie J.	.....	100.00
Tyler, Fred A., heirs or devisees	.....	2,000.00
Trustees Congregational Society	.....	650.00
Trustees Methodist Society	.....	2,000.00
Trustees I. O. O. F.	.....	3,500.00
Trustees I. O. O. M.	.....	2,000.00
Trustees, Leavitt Cemetery	.....	300.00
Teahan, Roscoe W.	.....	1,400.00

Underwood, George		2,055.00
Underwood, George, Jr.		420.00
VanNostrand, H. L.		2,700.00
Varnum, W. B., heirs or devisees		1,220.00
Veber, Albert L.	90.00	4,450.00
Veber, Gilbert L.		1,595.00
Vincent, E. C.		2,100.00
Vincent, Louis A.	275.00	2,350.00
Vittorossi, Julio	50.00	
Vosburg, Claude	200.00	2,275.00
Warfield, Horace E.	1,225.00	9,875.00
Warner, William L., heirs or dev.		3,400.00
Warriner, Bertha M.		350.00
Western Union Tel. Co.	2,900.00	
Western N. E. Tel. Co.	5,000.00	3,100.00
Wells, Frank J.	5,000.00	10,850.00
Wheeler, Daniel G.		1,785.00
White, Harold T.		60.00
Whipple, Annie F., Tr.		1,755.00
Whittaker, Ernest	90.00	
Wilbur, Sterry C., heirs or dev.		1,800.00
Willey, Chester H.	5,350.00	11,155.00
Wilson, Esther G.		2,800.00
Willard, James R.	620.00	4,025.00
Warger, Mary G.	200.00	
Wales, Doris R.		1,100.00
Wells, Alice L. & Fred W.		2,500.00

Number of Polls Assessed	242
Number of Horses Assessed	59
Number of Cows Assessed	296
Number of cattle assessed (other than cows)	112
Number of sheep assessed	8
Number of swine assessed	6
Number of goats assessed	19
Number of fowl assessed	4941
Number of Dwelling Houses assessed	249
Number of acres of land assessed	14,082
Assessed value of Personal Estate	$121,054.00
Assessed value of Real Estate	784,570.00

Total Valuation	905,624.00
Tax Rate	33.00
Number of Excise Commitments	8
Number of Motor Vehicles	467
Value of Motor Vehicles	73,300.00
Excise	2,332.23

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST W. PAYNE

WINIFRED E. SPEAR

FRANCIS W. AVERY

Assessors.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1941

The year 1941 has passed and the Collector has had his troubles. Each year extra work is called for, reports to various people are asked for, and furnished by the Collector. Seperate poll tax bills are required, and seperate personal property, also real estate, which adds to the cost of printing and also the liability of an error where there are three bills where in many cases one would answer.

The amount of uncollected taxes will be found in the State Auditor's Report of December 31, 1941.

On the 1941, Poll, Personal Property and Real Estate the amount of the warrants was $30,389.82, of this amount $23,778.56 has been collected up to Jan. 1, 1942, and 111.40 has been abated, leaving a balance outstanding of $6,499.86 not paid.

On the 1941 Motor Excise Tax there were total warrants of $2,332.12. Collected $2,284.92. Abated $72.96, and outstanding $44.24.

Collections for 1941 are some what ahead of collections of 1940, owing in part to the fact that the tax rate for 1941 was higher and in part to the fact that the tax payer has had more income in 1941.

The work is exacting, and it is my desire that the taxes be collected in a decent way. The amount of all uncollected taxes is about $2,000.00 less than last year. Since Jan. 1, 1942 I have collected considerable money which will further help, and on or before the Annual Town Meeting in February expect more.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. BICKNELL,

Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

During the past year Memorial Park was used for several picnics, baseball games, trap shooting, horseback riding, and the annual gathering of Charlemont Old Home Day Association.

Improvements this year were made on the spring reservoir, which furnishes water for the park. This was reroofed. Expense of material and labor was paid by the Old Home Day Association from the Park Improvement Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BURT,

HARRY F. LEGATE,

AVIS M. CHURCHILL,

Park Commissioners.

REPORT OF OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION

Received from Town Treasurer		$ 81.30
W. E. Hallahan, cards	$ 3.00	
E. K. Howes, printing	1.50	
Clyde Churchill, track event prizes	13.00	
Avis M. Churchill, prizes	5.00	
William Wagnet, sound truck	12.00	
Rev. George K. Carter, speaker	15.00	
C. H. S. Drum Corps	10.00	
Madelene Sherman, speaker	5.00	
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies	2.30	
Charles Pleshaw, labor	1.50	
Gordon Hicks, pictures	13.00	
		$ 81.30

HENRY L. AVERY, Treasurer

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

February 3, 1941

The annual town election was held and the following officers were elected:

Clerk	Mary L. Carpenter	
Treasurer	Phillip D. Legate	
Selectman 3 years	Horace E. Warfield	
Assessor 3 years	Francis W. Avery	
Tax Collector	Fred O. Bicknell	
School Committee 3 years	Henry L. Avery	
Auditor	Harry F. Legate	
Tree Warden	Charles S. Churchill	
Library Trustee 3 years	Walter D. Kipp	
Park Commission	Avis M. Churchill	3 years
	Harry F. Legate	2 years
	William R. Burt	1 year
Constables	Fred O. Bicknell	
	Clyde Churchill	
	Walter A. Henderson	

After electing Horace E. Warfield Moderator, the following votes were passed:

1. To have the Selectmen act as Board of Public Welfare, and the Selectmen and Dr. F. O. Mathews act as Board of Health until May 1st, at which time the by-law provision would go into effect.
2. To accept the report of the Town Officers.
3. To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money.
4. To raise and appropriate the following amounts:

   $ 2,450.00 for Chapter 81 Highways
   $ 3,000.00 for Winter Roads and Bridges
   $ 1,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction
   $ 500.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance
   $ 500.00 for Projects
   $ 1,040.00 for Tractor Note and Interest
   $ 1,060.00 for Fire Truck Note and Interest
   $ 3,500.00 for Welfare
   $ 250.00 for Aid to Dependent Children
   $ 350.00 for Soldiers' Relief
   $ 9,000.00 for Old Age Assistance
   $ 500.00 for Fire Department
   $ 2,000.00 for Town Hall Maintenance and Roof Repairs
   $ 1,400.00 for Miscellaneous Expense
   $ 1,250.00 for Reserve Fund

$ 2,250.00 for Town Officers' Salaries
$ 1,071.96 for Street Lights
$ 100.00 for Board of Health
$ 105.00 for Bonding Town Officers
$ 50.00 for Interest
$ 200.00 for Gypsy Moth Suppression
$ 500.00 for Town Property Insurance
$20,400.00 for Schools
$ 300.00 for Library (Librarian to receive salary increase of $75)
$ 600.00 for Red Cross Nursing Service
$ 600.00 for Town Physician
$ 50.00 for Christmas Tree Fund
$ 100.00 for Memorial Day
$ 150.00 for Legion Rooms
$ 100.00 for Old Cemeteries
$ 100.00 for Old Home Day

5. To appropriate $4,000.00 from the Road Machinery Fund for 1941 Machinery Maintenance Account.

6. To accept Chapter 403 of the Acts of 1936 and to raise and appropriate $400.00 for Workmens' Compensation Insurance.

7. To accept the layout of a right of way across property of Gilbert Veber, and to appropriate $10.00 for land damage.

8. To appropriate $4,000.00 from cash in the Treasury to reduce the 1941 tax levy.

9. To accept as a Town way a section of road leading from the Mohawk Trail to the property of John Egan.

10. To accept as a Town way approximately 3000 feet of road leading eastward from Florida Bridge, and to abandon the former highway.

11. To authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the following parcels of real estate:

    Legate Hill School
    Center School
    Albee School
    North School

12. To authorize the Library Trustees to continue investigation of the whole Library situation, with special reference to the Tyler Library, and passed a record vote favoring the ultimate expenditure of $5,000.00 for Library facilities.

13. To adopt a new set of by-laws (Now printed on pages 485-487 of Clerk's Records) and to raise salary of Clerk to $125.00.

14. To adjourn.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To either constables of the Town of Charlemont in the County of Franklin: Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the second day of February next, at eight o'clock A. M., then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers:

Clerk for one year
Treasurer for one year
Selectman for three years
Assessor for three years
School Committee member for three years
Library Trustee for three years
Tax Collector for one year
Auditor for one year
Tree Warden for one year
Three Constables for one year
Park Commissioner for three years

For this purpose the polls will be open at eight o'clock A. M. and will close at twelve-thirty P. M.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the second day of February next,, at one-thirty o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee or take any action thereon:

$ 2,450.00	for Chapter 81 Highways
$ 1,000.00	for Chapter 90 Highways
$ 3,000.00	for Snow, Roads and Bridges
$500.00	for Civilian Defense
$ 9,000.00	for Old Age Assistance
$ 3,500.00	for Welfare
$500.00	for Soldiers' Relief
$250.00	for Aid to Dependent Children
$ 1,071.96	for Street Lights
$324.20	for Town Property Insurance
$300.00	for Workmens Compensation Insurance
$ 1,200.00	for Town Hall
$ 1,000.00	for Fire Department
$ 3,250.00	for Officers Salaries (to include clerk)
$600.00	for Red Cross Nursing Service
$100.00	for Board of Health
$150.00	for Legion Rooms
$50.00	for Memorial Day
$50.00	for Christmas Tree Fund
$125.00	for Bonding Town Officers
$15.00	for Old Cemeteries
$100.00	for Old Home Day
$200.00	for Gypsy Moth Suppression
$25.00	for Interest
$ 1,020.00	for Tractor Note and Interest
$ 1,037.50	for Fire Truck Note and Interest
$21,500.00	for Schools
$300.00	for Library
$180.00	for Tyler Library
$ 1,250.00	for Reserve Fund
$ 1,250.00	for Miscellaneous

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $3,000.00 for the 1942 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Town's right, title and interest, on terms deemed satisfactory to the Board, in the following parcel of real estate:—Zoar School, so-called.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to sell a parcel of land, being a part of the Tyler Estate, directly in back of the Congregational Church and Parsonage, and extending northward to the brow of the hill bordering the Fairgrounds; and empower the Selectmen and Assessors together to fix a fair price for the same; or take any action thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one each at the Village Post Office and East Charlemont Church, seven days at least before the date of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Two.

WINSTON HEALY,
FRANK J. WELLS,
HORACE E. WARFIELD,
Selectmen of Charlemont.

NOTICE:—This warrant appears as a matter of information only, and the regular annual meeting warrant may include alterations and additions.

E. A. HALL & COMPANY
GREENFIELD, MASS.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH

THE HISTORIC OAK

ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

1942

THE HISTORIC OAK

The Tree of Counsel and Worship

To Our Fathers

Reverend and Cherished By Us,

Their Children

1765 - 1893

One Hundred and Seventy-Seventh

Annual Report

OF THE

Town Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

1942

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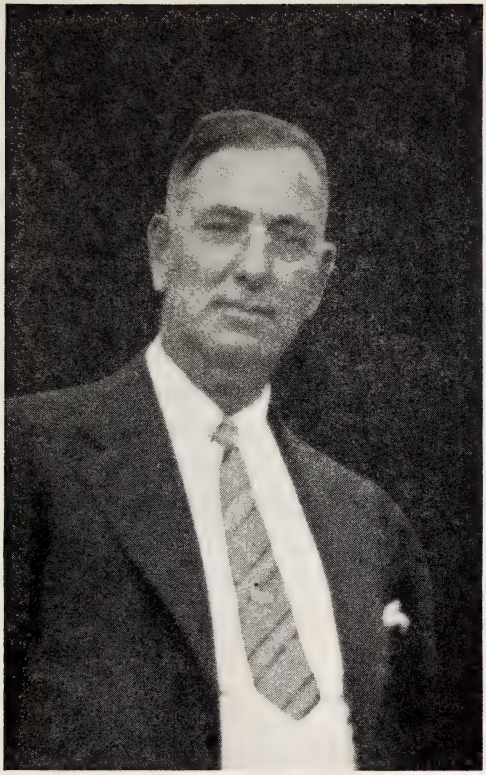

DR. FLOYD O. MATHEWS

December 15, 1942

The cherished memory we have is deeper than words.

WORLD WAR I. HONOR ROLL

COYNE, PATRICK J.
Killed in Action
BICKNELL, L. EMERSON
BOOTH, HAROLD L.
BOWKER, CHARLES A.
*BIXBY, ALBERT B.
BOULLIE, EDWARD J.
CARRIER, HAROLD G.
COOPER, LAWRENCE M.
DAVISON, ALDANCE H.
DICKINSON, CARL F.
DICKINSON, CLARENCE L.
FRARY, HUBERT H.
FRENCH, HORACE W.
GARGON, JAMES
*GILBERT, NELSON W.
HENDERSON, EDWARD G.
*HUNKLER, CLIFFORD
KAMBOUR, THEODORE
LIVELY, ARTHUR, JR.
LONG, RICHARD L.
LYMAN, FRANK O.
MAYNARD, EARL O.

WOODWARD, GUY
Died in Service
*MAYNARD, GUY E.
MAYNARD, RAY W.
NADEAU, CHARLES C.
NILES, FRANK W.
POZZI, GEORGE
PYFORM, HAROLD J.
RHODES, ARTHUR
*RICE, ALFRED M.
RICE, CLARENCE A.
RICE, HART A.
RICE, JOHN A.
RICE, WALTER W.
ROBEDA, EUGENE R.
STEELE, EARL L.
*TAYLOR, THERON S.
TETREAULT, FELIX H.
TINNEY, FLOYD F.
UNDERWOOD, GEORGE, JR.
WELLS, JOHN W.
WHITMAN, CHARLES B.
WILBUR, GUY E.

*Sons in World War II

WORLD WAR II. HONOR ROLL

ALEXANDER, JOHN
AUGUSTOWSKI, FRANK
AVERY, ALTON
AVERY, WILLIAM B.
BARNES, BENJAMIN J.
*BIXBY, RUSSELL
BREEN, ROY H.
BURNETT, NORMAN
BURNETT, WILLIAM
BURRINGTON, PAUL W.
CETTO, ANTHONY
CHURCHILL, CLYDE H.
CLARK, FRANCIS
CLARK, HORACE T.
CLARK, LAWRENCE
CREEK, VON M.
ELLSWORTH, LYMAN
FARRELL, HERBERT
GILBERT, RICHARD
GOODWIN, JOHN
GOODWIN, VAN P.
HEALY, WINSTON
HENDERSON, KENNETH W.
HICKS, VARIAN
*HUNKLER, HARLEY
KIPP, WALTER D.
LANE, ALBION F.
LANE, CRAIG I.
LaPRESTI, VINCENZO
LEMAY, ISRAEL I.
LIBBEY, ALTON B.
LIBBEY, LEWIS
LIBBEY, REGINAL
*LIESE, CYRUS, JR.
MALCOLM, DONALD
MALCOLM, IAN
*MATHEWS, FLOYD O., JR.
*MAYNARD, GEORGE E.
NEARY, THOMAS J., JR.
PIERSON, DAVID T.
PLESHAW, GERVIN
RAYMOND, GERALD T.
RIVERS, WARREN
SPEAR, PHILIP
STAFFORD, MERLYN
STAFFORD, WILLIAM P.
STETSON, ASHLEY
STETSON, RUSSELL
SUTTON, JAMES B.
*TAYLOR, CALVIN P.
*TAYLOR, THERON, JR.
TRUDELL, WILLIAM
TURNER, ARTHUR
WILSON, RAYMOND, JR.

*Fathers in World War I

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1942

Board of Selectmen

FRANK J. WELLS, *Chairman*
Term expires 1942

HORACE E. WARFIELD
Term expires 1943

WINSTON HEALY (in service)

CHARLES E. STREETER
Term expires 1944

Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

HORACE E. WARFIELD
WINSTON HEALY

CHARLES E. STREETER
FRANK J. WELLS, *Agent*

Board of Assessors

FRANCIS W. AVERY, *Chairman*
Term expires 1943

WINIFRED E. SPEAR
Term expires 1942

ERNEST W. PAYNE
Term expires 1944

Board of Health

FRANK J. WELLS
ALFRED E. BURDETT
DR. F. O. MATHEWS, *Chairman*

School Committee

ALFRED E. BURDETT, *Chairman*
Term expires 1942

VERENA P. TAYLOR
Term expires 1944

HENRY L. AVERY
Term expires 1943

WALTER E. LANE, *Superintendent of Schools*

Library Trustees

MAY WARNER, *Chairman*
Term expires 1942

OLIVE A. COOLEY
Term expires 1944

WALTER D. KIPP
Term expires 1943

LaVERNIE C. SMITH, *Librarian*

Clerk

MARY L. CARPENTER

Tax Collector

FRED O. BICKNELL

Treasurer

PHILLIP D. LEGATE (Resigned)
MARY L. CARPENTER

Park Commission

HARRY LEGATE, *Chairman*
Term expires 1942

WILLIAM R. BURT
Term expires 1944

AVIS M. CHURCHILL
Term expires 1943

Auditor

HARRY LEGATE

Tree Warden

AUBREY RICE (Resigned)
CHARLES CHURCHILL

Constable

FRED O. BICKNELL
CLYDE CHURCHILL (In service)
AUBREY RICE (Resigned)

Fire Chief

FRANK J. WELLS

Sealer of Weights

CLYDE CHURCHILL
(In service)
STANTON KENDRICK

Clerk of Town Officers

PHYLLIS L. HEIST

Road Superintendent

AUBREY RICE
RUSSELL STAFFORD

Physican

DR. F. O. MATHEWS

Red Cross Nurse

CAROLYNE REED, *R. N.*
THELMA S. DUPLISSEY, *R. N.*
ALBERTA B. WHIDDEN

Dog Officer

CLYDE CHURCHILL
HORACE E. WARFIELD

Milk Inspector

PAUL DONEILO

Superintendent Gypsy Moth

ROY A. HICKS

Inspector of Buildings

FREDERICK WARNER

Inspector of Animals

ERNEST W. PAYNE

Inspectors of Slaughtering

ERNEST W. PAYNE
DR. CHARLES E. STREETER

Fence Viewers

FRANCIS W. AVERY
HARRY HAWKES
ERNEST W. PAYNE

Field Drivers and Pound Keepers

ERNEST W. PAYNE
ORLO J. HAGER

Weighers

HARRY LEGATE THERON TAYLOR
HAROLD MURRAY

Measurers of Wood and Bark

HERMAN HARRIS WILL C. TURNER
FRANCIS W. AVERY

Measurers of Lumber

WILL C. TURNER WALTER M. PRATT
HERMAN HARRIS DANIEL OAKES

Burial Agents

JOHN McHAFFIE ERNEST W. WHITAKER

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The past year has brought several changes in the personnel of the town, in addition to those that have affected every community, due to the war.

In February we lost Selectman Winston Healy to the Navy and under certain amendments to the General Laws, we appointed Charles E. Streeter to fill the unexpired term, or the return of Healy, which ever occurs first.

In April, Clyde Churchill, Sealer of Weights and Measures, was inducted into the Army and was replaced by Stanton Kendrick.

In October, Philip D. Legate resigned as Town Treasurer and Mrs. Mary L. Carpenter was appointed to that office.

Mrs. Carolyne Reed, R. C. N. resigned in May and the vacancy was filled in a very capable manner by Mrs. Thelma Duplissey, R. C. N. who remained here until November 1st when she moved with her family to join her enlisted husband in California. By permission of the American Red Cross we secured the services of Mrs. Alberta Whidden, a nurse whom we all know and like.

The death of Dr. Floyd O. Mathews on December 15th left the entire western corner of Franklin County without a doctor. We have been in contact with several medical colleges and clinics and sincerely hope that we may secure the services of a capable physician in the near future.

HIGHWAYS For the past several years $9,800.00 has been expended under Chapt. 81 for the maintenance of our town reads, the allocation of which will be found under the proper heading. Special attention was given to cribbing on the Zoar road and about 300 ft. was built from ties which the Boston & Maine railroad contributed. This work is not complete due to priority ratings on the dock spikes. On the North River road a gas shovel was used to eliminate a portion of the curves and widen the highway. This work is not complete.

On the east end of the Burrington Road a shovel was

used to ditch approximately 700 feet. We trust this will save the highway from future water damage.

This year the State would not allow any new construction under Chapter 90 and the money was spent for maintenance only. We surface treated the Zoar and West Hawley Roads with oil and tar in the amount of $549.75 and used a shovel to improve drainage on West Hawley Road.

The money voted for the Henderson Road was not entirely spent as we intended an oil surface treatment but were unable to obtain oil. We are asking that the balance $141.58 be appropriated for that purpose.

Under Snow Roads and Bridges the money was expended for the removal of snow and minor repairs to our two covered bridges. The question of plowing driveways always arises but we have felt that the convenience the citizen receives more than offsets the money expended.

MACHINERY We are very fortunate in having our town equipment in such good condition. One set of tires were secured for the Red Truck and blades have been purchased from time to time for the plows and road machine.

The T-35 Tractor has been used more this year than in the past, as much of our labor has been lost to defense positions. This equipment has recently been overhauled and placed in good condition.

The T-20 Tractor is used entirely for snow removal and is fully equipped for that purpose.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE As stated in the 1941 report this account has increased over last year due to the basic increase to $40 as of May 1st. In 1941 we carried 47 cases and this past year have had 52. Several hospital cases have added substantially to the expense.

WELFARE This year shows a decided decrease over the past few years and in view of this fact, we have asked for an appropriation of $700 less than 1942.

GENERAL This town placed second in the competition for Town Reports in this Commonwealth for towns under 1000 population, and took third place among all towns in the state

for the best report in general. This competition is held each year by the Selectmen's Association and a cup is presented at the annual meeting of the association held in Boston during January.

Out of respect for the men who have joined our armed forces their families have been presented with an honor certificate under the seal of the town and several appreciative letters have been received.

This seemed an appropriate year for each town to display a flag and we secured a flag pole for the Town Hall Lawn and are to purchase a flag after the winter winds have made the flag Dave Mclcolm loaned no longer unable. Thanks Dave.

The Scouts have donated $10 for Civilian defense and we know of no better sentiment than to use it to apply toward the purchase of a flag.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE This town is very fortunate in having such a competent organization as has been developed by the patriotic citizens. Several Blackout Tests have been held as well as Day Light raids and each branch functioned in a very creditable manner. Several complimentary letters have been received from Headquarters and the town should be proud of their accomplishments. The report center staff has over 100 persons who work on different shifts. Manned 24 hours a day since December 1941, the women caring for the 7 A. M. to 7 P. M. shift and the men from 7. P. M. to 7 A. M.

Classes have been completed in both First Aid, under the American Red Cross, and an A. P. R. School. At present a refresher course is being held for First Aid, with several new members added. Much time has been given by many to attend classes in different cities in connection with the Civilian Defense work, and the efforts and cordial relations by all the workers is most appreciated.

After many pros and cons regarding the iron fence around the Town Hall lawn for salvage, it was added in the amount of 11,250 lbs. together with 50,440 lbs. which was collected, making a total of 61,690 lbs. of scrap iron. At $7.00 per ton the sum of $215.91 was realized. A steam roller weighing 16,290 lbs. at $5.00 per ton or $40.73 was also donated, making a grand total of 77,980 lbs. the value of which amounted to $256.64 as the Town's

contribution to the U. S. O. and Salvation Army organiations.

To comply with the Town vote at the last annual meeting, the Zoar School house was sold at public auction on October 3rd, for $30.00.

At our request last year, the town included a clerk under Officer's Salaries. We were very grateful for this vote, and feel that we have been fortunate in securing the services of a competent clerk who has added much more than the general public can realize to perfect the office detail work, particularly in the field of Public Assistance. She has worked steadily three days a week and often four and five.

The Selectmen appreciate your gracious consideration of our earnest endeavors and trust that throughout 1943 the same relations may exhist.

Respectively submitted,

FRANK J. WELLS
HORACE E. WARFIELD
CHARLES E. STREETER
Selectmen

January 12, 1943.

ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUND

Road	Drainage	Dragging and Scraping	Gravel Patch	Bituminous Patching	Cribbing	Tar Surface Treatment	Sand	Slides	Grading	Graveling	Ledge	Total
Zoar	$ 34.55	$ 33.05	.....	$ 40.90	$ 955.70	.....	$ 41.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1106.00
Davis Mine	11.40	103.75	.....	60.10	.....	399.50	147.79	8.10	.....	814.78	.....	1545.42
Vincent	6.20	39.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.00	.....	69.30
Warner Hill	6.40	120.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110.60	.....	237.25
Burrington	158.50	67.05	52.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	278.15
Harris Mt.	27.70	229.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	71.00	150.10	.....	488.00
East Heath	10.00	58.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.20	.....	87.35
Tatro	31.15	142.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.70	71.00	179.35	495.05
Hicks	.....	14.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.65	.....	46.40
Legate Hill	63.55	262.10	9.60	13.00	.....	.....	.....	39.70	63.00	243.55	.....	694.50
Tower	.....	45.60	.....	19.00	.....	252.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	316.73
Turner	.....	23.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.00
Todd Mt.	11.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.80
Gilead	.....	13.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.35
West Hawley	34.20	.....	11.20	11.16	.....	.....	47.60	11.40	.....	.....	.....	115.56
Ford	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
South River	34.80	202.10	.....	.....	.....	246.25	.....	7.00	.....	86.70	.....	576.85
Dodge	8.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.10
East Hawley	.....	29.60	.....	3.20	.....	652.08	49.30	.....	.....	397.61	.....	1131.79
Warfield	.....	58.00	.....	40.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.20	.....	177.00

Riddle	.....	38.55	.....	23.55	.....	5.40	5.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	73.30
High St.	.....	.....	.....	5.40	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.40
Avery	9.00	163.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108.00	200.90	.....	481.15
Burnt Hill	.....	69.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46.80	.....	116.15
East Ox Bow	2.65	83.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93.60	.....	179.90
West Ox Bow	4.00	129.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93.60	.....	226.90
Richmond	.....	3.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.95
North River	24.40	86.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	517.05	84.35	.....	711.95
Colrain	.....	34.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.90	.....	60.55
Johnson	.....	3.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.95
Creamery	.....	.....	.....	2.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.70
Winslow	.....	.....	.....	7.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.10
Rice	.....	5.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.75
Pratt	.....	2.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.70
Harmony	.....	.....	.....	2.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.70
Payne	.....	.....	.....	6.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.70
Comm. Park	.....	12.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.80
Mill	.....	5.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.75
School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.70
Spear	.....	2.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.70
Adams Br.	.....	6.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.65
Culverts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	404.98
											Total	$ 9801.03

Machinery Earnings

	Chapt. 90	Chapt. 81	Henderson Road	S.R. & B.	Total
Pickup	$ 2.40	$ 86.80	$ 4.80	$ 35.40	$ 129.40
Truck No. 2	48.40	938.30	18.70	270.35	1,275.35
Truck No. 3	30.80	389.40	14.30	212.50	647.00
T-20 Tractor				52.00	52.00
T-35 Tractor		297.50	87.50		385.00
Sander	1.50	2.00		10.25	13.75
Scraper		102.50			102.50
Maintainer		4.00			4.00
	$ 83.10	$1,820.50	$ 125.30	$ 580.50	$2,609.40

Chapter 81, Maintenance

Town Appropriation	$2,450.00	
State Contract	7,350.00	
Transferred reserve	1.03	
Superintendent		$1,023.75
Labor		2,546.60
Town Equipment		1,820.50
Hired Equipment		2,173.13
Gravel		379.50
Culverts		404.98
Oil & Tar		1,343.82
Supplies		108.75
	$9,801.03	$9,801.03

Chapter 90, Maintenance

Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
State Contract	150.00	
Superintendent		$ 37.60
Labor		91.20
Town Equipment		83.10
Hired Equipment		172.60
Oil & Tar		549.75
Credit balance		215.75
	$1,150.00	$1,150.00

Henderson Road

Town Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Superintendent		$ 31.50

Labor		86.00
Town Equipment		125.30
Hired Equipment		79.62
Gravel		36.00
Credit balance		141.58
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Snow Roads and Bridges

Town Appropriation	$3,000.00	
Superintendents		$ 509.40
Labor		1,240.15
Town Equipment		580.50
Hired Equipment		4.50
Supplies		142.63
Credit balance		522.82
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00

Machinery

Appropriation	$3,000.00	
Superintendent		$ 53.45
Labor		62.70
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline		644.91
Christine Turner, rent		240.00
No. Berk. Gas Co., lights		8.46
C. H. Willey, equipment, labor and supplies		1,034.66
Frank J. Wels, supplies		99.25
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		.70
Empire Steel & Tool Co., supplies		34.39
Harry Purinton, supplies		20.60
Howard Jenkins, supplies		5.65
A. F. Gingras, supplies		22.70
Socony Vacumm Oil Co., oils		32.64
Credit balance		739.89
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation (Town)	$9,000.00	
Federal Balance Jan. 1, 1942	1,269.57	
Federal Grants for 1942	7,694.19	
52 Cases		$17,884.57
Federal balance carried to 1943		79.19
	$17,963.76	$17,963.76

Old Age Administration

Federal balance on hand Jan. 1, 1942	$ 109.54	
Federal Grants during year	259.15	
Frank J. Wells, agents salary		$ 180.00
Balance carried to 1943 account		188.69
	$ 368.69	$ 368.69

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
1 Case		$ 200.00
Credit balance		300.00
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Welfare

Appropriation	$3,500.00	
7 Cases		$2,393.75
A. E. Shaw, lodging vagrants		2.00
W. T. Osborn, lodging vagrants		3.00
Surplus Commodities Division		123.10
Boston Council Social Agencies		3.00
Town of Greenfield, supplies for Commodities		2.62
Credit balance		972.53
	$3,500.00	$3,500.00

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Credit balance		$ 250.00
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Street Lights

Appropriation	$1,071.96	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		$ 973.32
Credit balance		98.64
	$1,071.96	$1,071.96

Town Hall

Town Appropriation	$1,200.00	
Transferred reserve	41.14	
Wallace Osborn, janitor		$ 400.00
W. N. Potter Grain Stores Inc., fuel		324.38
Horace E. Warfield, fuel		188.00

No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		149.63
S. G. Gould, supplies and labor		60.71
D. A. Lanoue, supplies and fixtures Library		43.95
Frank J. Wells, supplies and water rent		43.27
W. N. Potter Grain Stores Inc., supplies		17.00
Will C. Turner, labor		6.00
Commissioner Public Safety, boiler insp.		5.00
Herman Harris, supplies		1.25
F. W. Warner, labor and supplies		1.00
Isbell Electric Co., supplies		.95
	$1,241.14	$1,241.14

Fire Department and Forest Patrol

Town appropriation	$1,250.00	
Transferred reserve	531.50	
Am. LaFrance Corp. 500 ft. hose and supplies		$ 797.48
Fred W. Warner, supplies and labor		267.52
H. A. Hicks Ins. Co. Insurance for Firemen		190.00
C. H. Willey, furnace and supplies		128.82
Ormand's Garage, radiators		100.00
W N. Potter Grain Stores Inc., fuel and supplies		82.80
Frank J. Wells, supplies		76.86
H. T. Ford & Son, supplies and labor		74.49
C. O'Neil, light fixtures		18.00
Buffalo Appliance Corp., supplies		16.67
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		8.25
Berkshire Coal & Grain Co., roofing supplies		5.50
Howard R. Jenkins, labor and supplies		5.00
S. G. Gould, labor and supplies		3.71
Herman F. Harris, supplies		1.50
Charlemont Wood Prod. Co., mill work		.75
Harry L. Purinton, supplies		.65
Patrol Labor		3.50
	$1,781.50	$1,781.50

Officers' Salaries

Appropriation	$3,250.00	
Frank J. Wells, selectman		$ 300.00
Horace E. Warfield, selectman		300.00
Charles E. Streeter, selectman		250.00
Winston Healy, selectman		50.00
Philip D. Legate, treasurer		150.00
Mary L. Carpenter, treasurer		50.00
Mary L. Carpenter, town clerk		125.00

Winifred E. Spear, assessor		125.00
Francis W. Avery, assessor		125.00
Ernest W. Payne, assessor		125.00
Fred O. Bicknell, tax collector		300.00
Ernest W. Payne, inspector of slaughtering		107.25
Stanton Kendrick, sealer wts. and measures		60.00
Phyllis L. Heist, clerk		504.32
Tellers & Ballot Clerks		8.00
Frank J. Wells, Fire Chief		25.00
Posting Warrants		7.50
Credit balance		637.93
	$3,250.00	$3,250.00

Board Public Health

Appropriation	$ 100.00	
Transferred from reserve	78.00	
Dr. Merritt B. Low, Well Child Conference		$ 50.00
Town of Greenfield, Isolation Hospital		128.00
	$ 178.00	$ 178.00

Town Physician

Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Dr. Floyd O. Mathews		$ 600.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Red Cross Nurse Service

Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Carolyne Reed, R. C. N.		$ 225.00
Thelma S. Duplissey, R. C. N.		275.00
Alberta B. Whidden		100.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Legion Rooms

Appropriation	$ 150.00	
D. A. Lanoue, rent		$ 150.00
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Bonding Town Officers

Appropriation	$ 125.00	
H. A. Hicks Insurance Co.		$ 105.00
Credit balance		20.00
	$ 125.00	$ 125.00

Old Cemeteries

Appropriation	$ 15.00	
Leavitt Cem. Ass'n, care of lots		$ 3.00
Horace E. Warfield, labor		3.00
Archie Taylor, labor		2.00
Ray Hicks, labor		6.50
Credit balance		.50
	$ 15.00	$ 15.00

Old Home Day

Appropriation	$ 100.00	
Credit balance		$ 100.00
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

Christmas Tree Fund

Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Harry F. Legate, treas.		$ 26.06
Francis W. Avery, treas.		6.00
Credit balance		17.00
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Rev. Leahy, speaker		$ 25.00
F. H. Brown Co., supplies		12.06
Mrs. Harry Clark, supplies		7.50
Frank J. Wells, supplies		5.44
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Gypsy Moth Suppression

Appropriation	$ 200.00	
Roy Hicks, Supt.		$ 73.35
Fred Crocker		62.00
Ray Hicks		64.00
Credit balance		.65
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Civilian Defense

Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Transferred reserve	20.62	
Observation Post		$ 271.77
Report Center		152.36

Medical and First Aid		86.49
A. R. W. School		10.00
	$ 520.62	$ 520.62

Town Property Insurance

Appropriation	$ 324.20	
Walter H. Smith		$ 324.20
	$ 324.20	$ 324.20

Workman's Compensation Insurance

Appropriation	$ 300.00	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Co.		$ 230.19
Credit balance		69.81
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Interest

Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Theo. N. Waddell, director acc'ts		$ 2.00
Merchants National Bank		16.25
Credit balance		6.75
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Library

Appropriation	$ 300.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	35.15	
LaVerne C. Smith, salary		$ 200.00
Whitlock's, supplies		2.00
Mayfair Agency, subscriptions		18.85
Library Book House, supplies		15.52
Follett Book Co., supplies		30.81
H. R. Huntting Co., supplies		54.48
National Geographic Society, subscription		3.50
Credit balance		9.99
	$ 335.15	$ 335.15

Tyler Memorial Library

Appropriation	$ 180.00	
H. T. Ford & Son		$ 4.50
F. O. Bicknell, labor		3.00
Cleaning Chimney		6.00
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett, legal fee		15.00
Credit balance		151.50
	$ 180.00	$ 180.00

Reserve

Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Board of Health		$ 78.00
Fire Department		531.50
Chapter 81		1.03
Civilian Defense		20.62
Town Hall		41.14
Credit balance		577.71
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

Tractor Note and Interest

Appropriation	$1,020.00	
Merchants National Bank		$1,020.00
	$1,020.00	$1,020.00

Fire Truck Note and Interest

Appropriation	$1,037.50	
Merchants National Bank		$1,037.50
	$1,037.50	$1,037.50

Miscellaneous

Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Selectmen's expense		$ 34.77
Assessors' expense		63.61
Clerk's expense		41.56
Tax Collector's expense		97.58
Treasurer's expense		28.46
Sealer's Expense		1.33
Town Reports (300)		160.30
Western N. E. Tel. Co.		22.55
Supplies		12.77
Federal supplies		73.24
Ballot Clerks for Primaries		24.00
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		3.00
Frank J. Wells, water rent		25.00
All other expenses		134.24
Credit balance		527.59
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

State and County Taxes

County Treasurer, dog licenses	$ 209.00
County Treasurer, County tax	2,049.45

State Treasurer, State tax	2,250.00
State Treasurer, Park and Reservations	31.54
State Treasurer, auditing Town accounts	312.44
	$4,852.43

Cemetery Funds

Treasurer Leavitt Cemetery	$ 7.00
Treasurer Village Cemetery	20.00
	$ 27.00

Notes

Merchants National Bank, note paid	$5,000.00

Motor Excise Refunds

Joseph H. Stanford	$ 3.65
C. H. Willey	16.59
Clyde H. Churchill	1.28
Frank J. Wells	3.71
	$ 25.23

Real Estate Abatement

Mabel V. Sears	$ 4.96
Gilbert L. Veber	5.18
	$ 10.14

Recapitulation

Chapter 81 Maintenance	$9,801.03
Chapter 90 Maintenance	934.25
Henderson Road	358.42
Snow Roads and Bridges	2,477.18
Machinery	2,260.11
Old Age Assistance	17,884.57
Old Age Administration	180.00
Soldiers Relief	200.00
Welfare	2,527.47
Street Lights	973.32
Town Hall	1,241.14
Fire Department and Forest Patrol	1,781.50
Officers' Salaries	2,612.07
Board of Public Health	178.00
Town Physician	600.00
Red Cross Nurse Service	600.00
Legion Rooms	150.00

Bonding Town Officers	105.00
Old Cemeteries	14.50
Christmas Tree fund	32.06
Memorial Day	50.00
Gypsy Moth Suppression	199.35
Civilian Defense	520.62
Town Property Insurance	324.20
Workman's Compensation Insurance	230.19
Interest	18.25
Library	325.16
Tyler Memorial Library	28.50
Tractor Note and Interest	1,020.00
Fire Truck Note and Interest	1,037.50
Miscellaneous	722.41
State and County Taxes	4,852.43
Cemetery funds	27.00
Notes	5,000.00
Motor Excise refunds	25.23
Real Estate Abatements	10.14
	$59,301.60

JURY LIST 1943

Edwin W. Sears
Enrico Cetto Jr.
Burton W. Avery
Stanton C. Kendrick
Edward G. Converse
Joseph H. Stanford
Albert A. Sampson
Henry H. Phillips
William J. Boullie
Kenneth H. Cook
Leslie F. Vincent
Merrill C. Gould
Roy A. Hicks

Respectfully submitted,

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CHARLES E. STREETER

Selectmen

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1942

RECEIPTS

General cash in Treasury, January 1, 1942	$ 20,102.76	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	902.42	
County Treasurer, dog license money refund	160.51	
Town Clerk, dog license fees	209.00	
Walter Hunt, garage rent for 1941 and 1942	20.00	
Franklin District Court Fines	55.00	
LaVernie C. Smith, library fines	15.93	
Licenses and Permits, other than liquor	118.50	
All Alcoholic License	250.00	
Advertisement in Recorder-Gazette	1.50	
Director of Standards License return	3.00	
Fred Brown, abatement error refund	2.00	
Town of Rowe, services of Fire Department	25.00	
Town of Heath, services of Fire Department	25.00	
Florence Young, purchase of Zoar School House	30.00	
Stanton Kendrick, sealer's fees	25.36	
Merchants National Bank of Boston, loan for highway	5,000.00	
Premium return on Philip Legate Bond	18.09	
C. J. Hager Tax Title, interest and redemption fee	31.24	
Check returned	10.00	
Potter Cemetery Fund interest	20.00	
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund, care of lot	3.00	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund, care of lot	4.00	
Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund interest	15.05	
Maxwell Library Fund interest	20.10	
Tyler Memorial Fund interest	5.01	
Fred Carroll, Tyler Memorial House Rent	165.00	
Stanford Fife, Tyler Memorial Land Rent	5.00	
American LaFrance Foamite refund	2.50	
Town Hall rent, entertainments	44.00	
Town Hall rent, School Office	225.00	
Town Hall rent, Red Cross	75.00	
State Treasurer, Income Tax	4,070.00	
State Treasurer, Meal Tax and License Fees	115.75	
State Treasurer, Business Corporation Tax	828.44	
State Treasurer, compensation of inspector of animals	25.00	
State Treasurer, Reimbursement for loss of taxes	288.33	
State Treasurer, Highway Fund Chapter 420	3,784.23	
State Treasurer, Light, Water and Gas Tax	116.18	
		$ 36,816.90

TAXES

1936 Poll Taxes	$ 2.00	
1937 Poll Taxes	2.00	
1938 Real Estate, Personal and Poll	20.54	
1939 Real Estate, Personal and Poll	378.16	
1940 Real Estate, Personal and Poll	1,976.50	
1941 Real Estate, Personal and Poll	4,811.41	
1942 Real Estate, Personal and Poll	27,900.00	
1936 Motor Excise Taxes	2.45	
1938 Motor Excise Taxes	4.00	
1939 Motor Excise Taxes	2.00	
1941 Motor Excise Taxes	241.67	
1942 Motor Excise Taxes	1,764.89	
		$ 37,105.62

INTEREST

Treasurer's Deposit	$ 75.28	
Surplus War Bonus Fund	18.13	
Deferred Taxes	328.63	
		$ 422.04

WELFARE

Town of Dartmouth, soldiers relief refund	$ 56.90	
Franklin County District Court	430.00	
State Treasurer, temporary aid and transportation	1,125.44	
		$ 1,612.34

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer State	$ 6,685.81	
State Treasurer U. S. Grant	7,694.19	
State Treasurer, for cost of administration	259.15	
Town of Buckland refund	60.00	
Town of Rowe refund	317.01	
Town of Pittsfield refund	16.66	
Town of Monroe refund	60.00	
Town of Deerfield refund	63.33	
		$ 15,156.15

SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund	$ 3,598.46
State Treasurer, Supt. of small towns	845.83
State Treasurer, vocational education	52.20
State Treasurer, tuition of children	78.44
State Treasurer, high school tuition	1,000.00
Town of Hawley, high school tuition	1,147.86
Town of Rowe, high school tuition	240.00
Town of Heath, high school tuition	240.00
Town of Florida, high school tuition	60.00

Stephen Leonard School Fund interest	53.18	
Union Lodge I. O. O. F. Water rent 1941 and 1942	18.00	
W. E. Lane, Supt. Miscellaneous sale of school supplies	7.60	
		$ 7,341.57

HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Chapter 81	$ 7,084.06	
State Treasurer, Chapter 90	121.83	
		$ 7,205.89

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Town Equipment, snow roads and bridges	$ 580.50	
Town Equipment, Chapter 81	1,820.50	
Town Equipment, Chapter 90	83.10	
Town Equipment, Henderson Road	125.30	
		$ 2,609.40
		$108,269.91

PAYMENTS

Fifty-two Selectmen's Warrants	$ 59,301.60	
Twelve School Lists	21,490.74	
General Cash in Treasury Dec. 31, 1942	26,557.02	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	920.55	
		$108,269.91

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer

TOWN TRUST FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER
December 31, 1942

The Maxwell Library Fund	$ 1,000.00	
Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund	1,000.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund	2,869.00	
The Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund	250.27	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund	210.72	
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund	156.41	
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund	670.56	
		$ 7,156.96

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1942	Name	Parents
Apr. 3	Shirley Temple Hoyt	Charles Lyman Hoyt Jennie L. Pervere, Hoyt
Apr. 6	Frederick Dexter Legate	Philip D. Legate Doris E. Hudson, Legate
Aug. 1	Richard Allen Coates	Allen M. Coates Sylvia A. Baxter, Coates
Aug. 31	Janet Marie Gilbert	George J. Gilbert Aldea M. Chagnon, Gilbert
Sept. 3	Beth Mary Hunkler	Harley Hunkler Elsie L. Burnett, Hunkler
Sept. 25	Jean Ann Tetreault	Richard J. Tetreault Irene R. Warger, Tetreault
Oct. 26	Francis Ray Slaunwhite	Stewart E. Slaunwhite Nell L. Coates, Slaunwhite
Nov. 7	William Nathan Clark	Darwin H. Clark Dorothy M. Streeter, Clark
Nov. 8	Judith Ann Gingras	Arthur W. Gingras Lillian G. Bennett, Gingras
Dec. 14	John Philip MacLean	Harold W. MacLean Mildred F. Spear, MacLean
Dec. 30	William James Green	James J. Green Clara M. Hale, Green

COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
14	15	14	10	11

Marriages

1942	Name	Residence
Feb. 7	Cyrus Lawrence Liese, Jr.	Charlemont, Mass.
	Elaine Ruth Spencer	Buckland, Mass.
Feb. 14	Floyd Osborn Mathews, Jr.	Charlemont, Mass.
	Margaret Page Lane	Charlemont, Mass.
Feb. 20	Arthur J. Turner	Buckland, Mass.
	Alicia Breen	Charlemont, Mass.
Mar. 23	Allen McLure Coates	Charlemont, Mass.
	Sylvia Angel Baxter	Charlemont, Mass.

Mar. 24	Gervin D. Pleshaw	Charlemont, Mass.
	Gladys Arlene Griswold	Adams, Mass.
Apr. 18	Albion Fuller Lane	Charlemont, Mass.
	Dorothy Ruth Lovering	Buckland, Mass.
Apr. 19	William Donald Alden	Conway, Mass.
	Lesley June Wilson	Charlemont, Mass.
Apr. 20	George D. Andrews	Charlemont, Mass.
	Flora B. Wallace	Colrain, Mass.
May 2	Paul Edward LaFleur	Greenfield, Mass.
	Anna May Angeli	Charlemont, Mass.
May 30	Lawrence L. Gilbert	Charlemont, Mass.
	Alice J. Giard	Heath, Mass.
July 3	Martin William Doyle, Jr.	North Adams, Mass.
	Ann Elizabeth Goodwin	Charlemont, Mass.
Aug. 1	George Elbert Maynard	Charlemont, Mass.
	Arlene Ruth Devine	Ashfield, Mass.
Aug. 22	Theron Starkey Taylor, Jr.	Charlemont, Mass.
	Virginia June Raymond	Charlemont, Mass.
Oct. 17	Harvey W. Strong	Malden, Mass.
	Hallie Alett Pike	Charlemont, Mass.
Oct. 17	Howard U. Morrison	Williamstown, Mass.
	Audrey Pierson	Charlemont, Mass.

COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
4	6	12	13	15

Deaths

Date	Name	Age Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 24	Fred W. Wells	74	7	14
Feb. 25	William MacLean	76	5	24
Feb. 26	Elizabeth A. Miller	79	11	29
Mar. 22	Frank James Taylor	83	9	6
Aug. 30	Alice N. Davenport	77	9	18
Sept. 23	Jessie D. Powers	73	3	24
Oct. 21	Herbert T. Ford	85	7	3
Nov. 1	Mary Lorena Rice	75	11	12
Nov. 5	Huel S. Tower	69	11	2
Dec. 15	Floyd Osborn Mathews	52	10	24
Dec. 15	Elmira Gilbert	91	4	20

COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
13	17	23	15	11

95 DOG LICENSES ISSUED
1 KENNEL LICENSE

61	Male Dog Licenses at $2.00	$ 122.00	
28	Spayed Female Licenses at $2.00	56.00	
5	Female Licenses at $5.00	25.00	
1	Kennel License at $25.00	25.00	
			$ 228.00
	Paid Town Treasurer	$ 209.00	
	Fees Retained	19.00	
			$ 228.00

233 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED
3 DUPLICATE LICENSES

17	Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses issued free to persons over seventy (70) years old.	
53	Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $2.00	$ 106.00
68	Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $2.00	136.00
42	Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at $3.25	136.50
31	Women's and Minors' Fishing Licenses at $1.25	38.75
1	Resident Citizens' Trapping License at $5.25	5.25
18	Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses at $1.50	27.00
2	Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $5.25	10.50
1	Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting License at $10.25	10.25
3	Duplicate Licenses at $ .50	1.50
		$ 471.75
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	$ 417.75
	Fees retained	54.00
		$ 471.75

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

FOR THE YEAR 1942

1938 Uncollected Taxes—Personal Property	$ 24.50
1939 Uncollected Taxes—Personal Property and Polls	27.89
1940 Uncollected Taxes—Personal Property and Polls	38.89
1941 Uncollected Taxes—Real Estate, Personal Property and Polls	1,017.92
1942 Uncollected Taxes—Real Estate, Personal Property and Polls	5,683.50
All Motor Excise Taxes	66.69
Total	$ 6,859.27

The amount of Uncollected Taxes is less than in 1941

The Warrants for 1942 are as follows:—

On Real Estate	$ 28,901.92
On Personal Property	4,729.17
On Polls	430.00
On Motor Excise	1,781.84
Total	$ 35,842.03

The amount of the 1941 Warrants are as follows:

On Real Estate	$ 25,910.84
On Personal Property	3,394.79
On Polls	484.00
On Motor Excise	2,240.50
Total	$ 29,789.81

Respectfully submitted

FRED O. BICKNELL

STATE AUDITORS' REPORT

Following is a complete report of the State Auditors, with the exception of the various schedules, which are omitted.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the tax collector of the town of Charlemont for the period from December 7, 1941, the date of the previous examination, to September 22, 1942, and of the general accounts from December 7, 1941 to October 1, 1942, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection were examined and checked in detail.

The surety bonds of the town clerk, tax collector, treasurer, and temporary treasurer for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book was footed, and the cash balance on October 1, 1942, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository and by inspection of the savings bank books.

The receipts for licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified. The surety bonds filed with the town by individuals to whom liquor licenses were issued were examined and checked with the record of licenses granted.

The tax title records in custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the deeds on file and with the accounts of the tax collector.

The savings bank books representing the investment of trust funds in custody of the treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were verified.

The payments on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit and with the cancelled securities on file.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses granted, the payments to the State and town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand October 1, 1942, was verified by actual count. The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with totals used by the assessors in the computation of the tax rate.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were audited and proved with the warrants committing them for collection. The collections as recorded were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were checked to the records of the assessors, and the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified. The cash balance on September 22, 1942, was proved by actual count, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, were correct.

Attention is again called to the fact that interest and costs on delinquent taxes should be collected in accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 59, and Sections 15 and 15A, Chapter 60, General Laws.

Immediate action should be taken to bring about a complete settlement of all taxes of prior years.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked to the record of work done. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand was proved by actual count.

The records of receipts of the librarian were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand October 1, 1942, was proved by actual count.

The accounts of the public welfare, soldiers' relief and school departments were examined and checked. The departmental records, were analyzed, the recorded collections were compared with the treasurer's record of receipts, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on October 1, 1942. This balance sheet indicates that the town is in good financial condition.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

HBD:MMH

Assistant Director of Accounts.

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT
BALANCE SHEET - OCTOBER 1, 1942
General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:		
General	$16,757.51	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations	902.42	
		$17,659.93
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1938,	$ 26.50	
Levy of 1939,	47.31	
Levy of 1940,	544.83	
Levy of 1941	3,266.41	
Levy of 1942	25,174.58	
		$29,059.63
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1936,	$ 2.00	
Levy of 1939	4.00	
Levy of 1940	4.00	
Levy of 1941	20.03	
Levy of 1942	70.75	
		$ 100.78

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:		
In Anticipation of Reimbursement		$ 5,000.00
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations		902.42
Overpayments by Collector		7.71
State Tax		2,250.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax		31.54
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax		312.44
County Tax		2,049.45
Dog Licenses - Due County		39.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Leonard School Fund	$ 10.00	
Potter Cemetery Fund	10.00	
		$ 20.00
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Maintence		224.98
Road Machinery Fund		2,900.22
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance	$ 819.68	
Administration	209.11	
		$ 1,028.79

Tax Titles		$ 523.87
Aid to Highways - State		$ 4,393.81
Departmental:		
Public Welfare	$ 1,204.38	
Old Age Assistance	16.66	
		$ 1,221.04
Estimated Receipts to be Collected,		$11,737.86
		$64,696.92

Appropriation Balances		23,525.95
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus		1,950.66
Overlays - Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1938	$ 26.50	
Levy of 1939	47.31	
Levy of 1940	504.78	
Levy of 1941	528.29	
Levy of 1942	741.73	
		$ 1,848.61
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	$ 100.78	
Tax Title	523.87	
Departmental	$ 1,221.04	
		$ 1,845.69
Surplus Revenue		20,759.46
		$64,696.92

Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$ 2,500.00	Highway Department Equipment Loan	$ 500.00
		Fire Department Equipment Loan	2,000.00
	$ 2,500.00		$ 2,500.00

Trust Accounts

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	$ 7,157.02	Stephen Leonard School Fund	$ 2,869.00
		Maxwell Library Fund	1,000.00
		Fred W. Hawks Library Fund	1,000.00
		Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund	670.56
		Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	617.46
	$ 7,157.02		$ 7,157.02

REPORT OF CHARLEMONT FIRE DEPT.

Although the town has been exceptionally free from fires during 1942, the Fireman's Association has been very busy. Due to national defense, it was thought advisable to augment the regular with auxiliary firemen. We therefor added 14 men to the association.

Early in the summer our yearly zone school was held. This school, sponsored by the state board of education, consisted of 10 hours of instruction in fire-fighting, and was held for two hours on Monday and Thursday evenings, for five weeks. Our instructor was Capt. Ackerman of the Greenfield Fire Dept. who has conducted these schools for us for several years. This year's school consisted of the following subjects: Operation of Pump, (3 phases); Wet and dry hose; Ladder work; Use of Fog Nozzles; Knot Tying; and a public demonstration in the town hall of Incendiary Bombs, conducted by Prof. Kemp of Boston.

The firemen have sponsored dances twice a month, on Thursday evenings for about a year. With money earned from these dances the following outstanding items have been purchased by the Association:

5 Prs. Boots	$ 17.50
Canvas for Hose Truck	10.67
2 First Aid Kits	27.52
2 Mounting Brackets for above	6.70
12 Helmets	95.40
1 Oil stove for Club Room	10.00
U. S. O. Donation	5.00
Red Cross	3.00
Tuning Piano in Town Hall	5.00
Gov't War Bond	74.00
Total paid from dance fund	$254.79

To every fireman entering the service of our Country the Association gave a leather toilet kit. Christmas gifts were also sent to these men.

This year the firemen, learning that no one was to sing carols at Christmas time, took upon themselves that task and

lustily sang the old favorites to all shut-ins. We wish to acknowledge the many letters of appreciation which we received for our nights work. We also wish to thank the wives of the firemen who so graciously served us a buffet lunch after we returned.

Donations of $5.00 and $3.00 have been gratefully received and hereby acknowledged.

The following members are now serving in the armed forces:

Thomas Neary	U.S. Army
Clyde Churchill	U.S. Army
W. Payson Stafford	U.S. Navy
Merlyn Stafford	U.S. Army
John Goodwin	U.S. Army
Gervin Pleshaw	U.S. Army
Kenneth Henderson	U.S. Navy
Anthony Cetto	U.S. Army

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. GOULD
Sec. and Treas.

REPORT TO TOWN OF CHARLEMONT BY THE WAR RATIONING BOARD

The present Board took over the operation of the War Rationing for the Town on August 19, 1942. The Town Selectmen, up to the 31st of July, had performed those duties in a manner beyond criticism as a subsequent examination of the records disclosed. The original ground work and registration of practically the entire population of the Town for Sugar, Tire, and Gasoline Rationing was done under incomplete and constantly changing regulations. When the present Board took over, the hardest work had been done and the records were in order.

From August 1 until August 19 the Town was without any Rationing Board and nearly every citizen was forcibly impressed with the inconvenience caused by the absence of a Board from the Town itself. It might be well to mention here that of all the States in the Union only Massachusetts has local Rationing Boards in each village and town. Elsewhere the Boards operate only in the County centers, often necessitating trips of thirty to one hundred miles every time applications for any of the many articles now rationed are required. The Federal funds supplied to Massachusetts are exactly the same per capita as for each of the other states. It would be impossible to operate the 351 Massachusetts Boards without the local support of free quarters and to some extent supplies and incidental expenses by the individual Town governments.

On August 19, from a list of ten or a dozen names supplied to the State Rationing headquarters by the Selectmen, there were six people appointed as War Ration Board members by Henry Parkman, Jr., head of the State Rationing Boards. Of these all but two declined to serve, probably feeling that too much time and responsibility, together with the probability of incurring some hostility, was required for an unpaid position.

Mr. Walter E. Lane was appointed Chairman but refused to serve in that capacity, agreeing though to serve on the Board. The duty then devolved by default upon Mr. Laurence M. Pitman. At the request of the skeleton board, Mr. Merrill C. Gould was then appointed as a third member. He patriotically consented to serve.

The Board was fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Martin Doyle in September to act as Clerk. That position is paid for by the Federal Government without cost to the Town.

The Selecmen made available to the Board a very satisfactory room over the Fire House as an office, also supplying a typewriter and steel filing cabinet. Thanks are due to the Town Volunteer Fire Department for relinquishing what would have been their Club-room had not the Rationing Board pre-empted their space.

Every citizen is familiar with the work the Board is doing through the unfortunate necessity of having to apply personally for many articles now rationed, to wit: Automobiles, Bicycles, Coffee, Gasoline, Fuel Oil, Heating Stoves, Rubber Footwear, Sugar, and Tires. There will be many additional articles to follow. In addition to these obvious duties there are between six and eight reports, including long inventories to be rendered to the State Office each month. There is also a constant supervision to see that the necessary supplies are on hand at all times.

The Board has tried to act fairly and impartially in all cases. It has tried to advise applicants as to their maximum rights, and to grant the largest amount of each rationed article compatible with the strict regulations. In each case where the regulations were obscure, open to two interpretations, or clearly worked a cruel or ridiculous result, the Board has acted in what seemed to them the manner of common sense, and is glad to report that in each case where they have done so, later amendments to the Rationing Act have justified their decisions, or the State Office has specifically approved the actions. This might be the place to mention to those skeptics among us that all rations other than inelastic ones such as sugar and coffee granted to any member of the Board or to the families of any close relative of a Board member are reviewed and must be approved by the State Office in Boston.

To conclude we wish to acknowledge with gratitude the work done by the School teachers as registrars in the original registrations, and in particular to Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Ahearn, Miss McAndrew, and Mrs. Vincent, who not only assisted in registration but also gave valuable assistance in figuring Fuel Oil allotments. All this was done without recompense as a contribution to the country's War Effort.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE M. PITMAN, Chairman

M. C. GOULD

WALTER E. LANE

OBSERVATION POST

A new Observation Post was established near the Boy Scout House on Warfield Road under American Legion direction. Thru the generosity of Mr. C. H. Willey, who gave the use of the land and loaned his trailer truck, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Warner, who donated the farm building, Charlemont now has an excellent Observation Post. Many townspeople participated in the building "bees" on consecutive Sundays until the work of remodelling, insulating and renovating the interior and exterior of the building was completed. The American Legion Auxiliary furnished meals to the workers and all the labor was furnished without cost in a fine demonstration of community spirit. A formal dedication was held, at which town officials, state and district representatives of the Aircraft Warning Service were present. The Army detailed two non-commissioned officers to assist in the dedicatory exercises. The Observation Post has been given a high rating by the Army Inspection Service, who state the Post is one of the best equipped in Western Massachusetts.

In the main, townspeople have been loyal in the manning of the post. During the course of the year, however, many observers were lost due to enlistment in the armed services, defense work in factories, and illness among the observers. Consequently, there were many occasions when the Army requirements of keeping the post on a 24-hour basis were not fulfilled. Credit is also to be given those high school students who served faithfully at the Post. The Selectmen of the town aided and assited the Observation Post in every way possible.

When the majority of the people realize the importance the Army attaches to the complete manning of the Post, many of the difficulties in securing the assistance of volunteer observers will have been overcome.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. HALLAHAN,
Chief Observer.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

No repairs or improvements were made at Memorial Park during the past year.

One reunion and a few picnics were held at the Park, but the annual gathering of Charlemont Old Home Day Association was cancelled because of war time conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. LEGATE

AVIS M. CHURCHILL

WILLIAM R. BURT

Park Commissioners.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1942

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Alfred E. Burdett, Chairman	Term Expires 1943
Henry L. Avery	Term Expires 1944
Verena Taylor	Term Expires 1945
Walter E. Lane	Superintendent
Horace E. Warfield	Attendance Officer
Alberta Whidden	School Nurse

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens January 4, 1943 Closes February 19, 1943
Second Winter Term	Opens March 1, 1943 Closes April 16, 1943
Spring Term	Opens April 26, 1943
Elementary	Closes June 11, 1943
High	Closes June 18, 1943
Fall Term	Opens Sept. 7, 1943
Elementary	Closes Dec. 17, 1943
High	Closes Dec. 22, 1943
First Winter Term	Opens Jan. 3, 1944

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

May 30, September 6, October 12, November 11, 25 26, December 25.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation		$21,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers' Salaries	$10,533.50	
Health	301.42	
Superintendence	1,591.27	
School Committee	160.34	
Janitors	857.50	
Transportation	5,284.55	
Tuitions	153.82	
Fuel	409.98	
Books and Supplies	1,294.32	
Repairs	317.28	
Cafeteria	215.20	
Miscellaneous	371.56	
Unexpended	9.26	
		$21,500.00

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Walter D. Kipp	$ 770.00	
Daniel G. Wheeler	1,025.00	
Emma Vincent	1,480.00	
Audrey Miles	220.00	
Mary S. Burke	400.00	
Anna J. McAndrew	440.00	
Marie Ahern	1,022.50	
Doris Norwood	992.00	
Thelma Purinton	60.00	
Jeanette Hicks	962.00	
Emma Fisk	970.00	
Virginia Belanger	570.00	
Marion Brown	380.00	
Eleanor Beneat	540.00	
Gladys Gassett	376.00	
Pearl D. Mills	280.00	
Annie Stiles	4.00	
Raymond Wilson	4.00	
Beulah Jenkins	10.00	
Margaret Mathews	24.00	
Mabel Sears	4.00	
		$10,533.50

HEALTH

Carolyn Reed	$ 125.00	
Thelma Duplissey	125.00	
Alberta Whidden	51.42	
		$ 301.42

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Alfred E. Burdett	$ 50.00	
Henry L. Avery	50.00	
Verena Taylor	50.00	
Annie Stiles, Sec.	6.25	
Wright & Potter, printing	4.09	
		$ 160.34

SUPERINTENDENCE

Walter E. Lane	$ 1,565.20	
Office Expense	26.07	
		$ 1,591.27

JANITORS

Will C. Turner	$ 840.00	
Edwin Clark	10.00	
Gladys Gassett	7.50	
		$ 857.50

FUEL

Potter Grain Stores	$ 348.98	
C. H. Willey	21.00	
Ellsworth Station	40.00	
		$ 409.98
Books and Supplies		$ 1,294.32

CAFETERIA

Leora Howes		$ 215.20

TRANSPORTATION

C. H. Willey	$ 752.00	
A. E. Burdett	752.00	
W. D. Pierson	1,075.25	
Geo. Brooks	786.00	
Arthur Gingras	155.00	
Harold Burt	390.00	
Roy Hicks	752.00	
Henry Stanford	272.50	
Chas. Baxter	154.50	
Irving Harris	122.50	
Herman Harris	72.80	
		$ 5,284.55

TUITIONS

Shelburne Falls, Voc.	$ 105.82	
Shelburne Falls, Elem.	48.00	
		$ 153.82

REPAIRS

Stanton Kendrick	$ 2.00	
W. N. Potter Stores	21.77	
C. H. Demond	77.63	
Chas. Peck	4.65	
S. G. Gould	24.51	
H. P. Davenport	9.00	
D. A. Lanoue	.90	
A. L. Avery	10.33	
Edwin Clark	6.40	
C. H. Willey	13.25	
F. W. Warner	7.00	
Conn. Valley Supply	13.70	
Chas. Churchill	12.00	
Herman Harris	4.70	
F. J. Wells	6.70	
Womens Reformatory	19.45	
Will C. Turner	79.00	
Montgomery Ward	4.29	
		$ 317.28

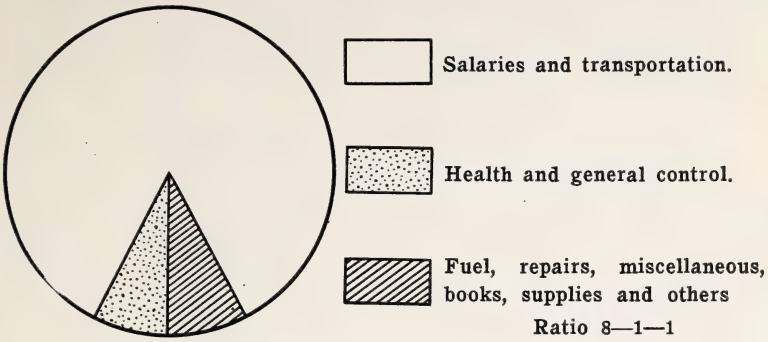
MISCELLANEOUS

Town Hall Rent 1941 and 1943	$ 150.00	
Frank Wells	10.00	
Red Star Ribbon	2.83	
Howard and Brown	7.38	
H. L. Waste	7.10	
Walter Henderson	3.00	
Com. Public Safety	10.00	
W. New Eng. Tel.	35.37	
Berkshire Gas and Light	134.41	
Eastern Textile Co.	3.18	
Leora Howes	.79	
Geo. Cunningham	7.50	
		$ 371.56
Unexpended		9.26

The increased costs of all school materials and the salaries of teachers presents to the Committee a varying problem in making plans for the school budget for the coming year. A five

per cent increase of the school appropriation in 1942 enabled the School Board to retire all school accounts for the year.

The following diagram illustrates to a degree the manner of spending the school dollars.



Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. BURDETT

HENRY L. AVERY

VERENA TAYLOR

REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Charlemont:

Herewith is a report concerning the schools for the year ending December 31, 1942.

What might be considered the aims and goals of an American school conducted in our present day Democracy? It has been suggested by Mr. Anson W. Belding that we should have a well planned environment for the teen age young people, in which each may be offered development to the utmost of his capacity for an intelligent, useful, cooperative and happy life. In striving to provide such conditions and environments for daily practice, we should discover in our school rooms an atmosphere of purposeful endeavor and businesslike activity carried on by the pupils. Lock step should be a thing of the past. Self discipline, the act of accomplishing the nearest and most important duty should be everywhere in evidence, and present in sufficient amount to keep the organization running smoothly. Certain regulations may be necessary only to restrict the few and prevent dissipation of valuable time and energy, or perhaps interference with the educational job at hand, for school practices and habits later in life are turned to various kinds of jobs. In this purposeful atmosphere teachers and pupils share experiences from which all may learn. Throughout the school we should find courtesy, cooperation, and enthusiasm for the days adventures, encouragement for each individual, respect for every personality, background, and opinions. Free exercise of talents and powers should be given that Democratic ideals be upheld, and the free Democratic procedures allowed to prepare pupils for the responsibilities of citizenship and proper initiation into the American way of life, all of which to be under the guidance of adult leadership that understands, interprets, and inspires youth.

The second world war has now spread all over the world and we too have become fully committed with all other freedom loving countries to prosecute this war to the end that defeat of all axis nations for all time may be accomplished. In the an-

ticipation that defense training, and war demands will very materially affect our daily living, and spread its influence upon the character of the pupils of our schools, we believe that certain dominating influences arising from this war will broaden their thinking as citizens of the future. Preaeronautics material and instructions in the mechanics of flying should be an important part of their daily instruction. A preaeronautics course in connection with the High School Physics course is now offered in Charlemont High School, and is being received with enthusiasm.

One of the most important courses open to the older children and community is the First Aid Instruction conducted by the Red Cross. In the anticipation of token bombing, accidents and the prevention of panic, or disaster, it is important that we have some training for the first care of the injured. Conditions of today present more important challenges for community study than ever in our history. The problems of living costs, balanced meals, the introduction of food substitutes, reclamation of products usually wasted, budgeting, and many other matters claim increased attention.

Unprecendented pressure and interruptions that have occurred this year commend a fine personnel spirit and school loyalty in discharging the responsibilities with diligence and cooperation.

Teacher Changes

Mr. Walter D. Kipp was succeeded by Mr. Daniel G. Wheeler
Mrs. Audrey Miles

Miss Mary S. Burke	Miss Anna J. McAndrew
Miss Eleanor Beneat	Mrs. Gladys Gassett
Miss Virginia Belanger	Miss Marion Brown

In a period replete with unforeseen contingences and losses and the difficulties in replacing properly qualified teachers, we believe that Charlemont has been especially fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Daniel G. Wheeler, chemist, scientist, and teacher of economics, also that of Miss Anna J. McAndrew, Boston University A.B. and A.M. teacher of English, Latin, and French, and Mrs. Gladys Gassett, Normal School graduate with a successful teaching experience, and Miss Marion Brown,

graduate of North Adams Teachers College, all of whom have added very materially to the strength of our school faculty.

All the towns in this school union feel deeply the untimely passing of Doctor Floyd O. Mathews who had served as school physician for many years. Every child has lost a kind friend as well as medical adviser.

.The following is an arrangement of pupils according to grade and age as of June 1942.

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Grade															
1	4	12	1												17
2		5	8	1											14
3			4	10	2										16
4			4	14	6	2	3								29
5				2	12	3	3	2							22
6				1	6	3	2	1							13
7							2	4		2					8
8								4	9	2					15
9									2	12	3	2			19
10									1	5	8	1			15
11											2	6	4		12
12											1		4	1	6
	4	17	17	28	26	8	10	11	12	21	14	9	8	1	186

The gift of a ten inch dial, electric clock by the Charlemont High School Alumni Association is greatly appreciated by the faculty and students, and is proving to be a worth while and practical gift.

The cafeteria, under the direction of Mrs. Howes, has served more pupils than ever this year. An excellent supply of surplus commodities has helped to add variety to the menus. There is however, a possibility that the surplus commodities will not long be available since this has been a part of the W. P. A. Program which is being discontinued by the Federal Government.

The following funds are estimated to be due the town on account of schools for the year 1942

Massachusetts School Fund	Part 1	$1,670.00
	Part 2	3,598.46
Superintendence	H. S.	845.83

Special Aid for small High Schools	1,000.00
High School Tuitions	1,629.54
State Wards	78.44
Vocational	52.20
Leonard Fund	53.18
	$8,927.65

Victory taxes beginning in January and unforeseen expenses will be understood to gradually cause an increase in our school budget. It is my opinion that in the anticipation of these developments an estimated allowance of three percent should be added to the school budget, amounting to $22,175.00 for the ensuing year.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to members of the School Committee, teachers and all citizens who have assisted in any way in carrying forward school activities during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. LANE,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Charlemont, Mass., Jan. 6, 1943

Mr. Walter Lane, Superintendent of Schools,
Charlemont, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Lane:

A two day well child conference was held in town during the month of July. Forty-one out of a possible forty-eight children were in attendance. Dr. Low, the examining physician and Miss Ruth Dickinson, nutritionist from the State Department of Health were assisted by Miss Lewis and the nurse. Ten children received their inoculations at an earlier date. The outstanding defects were teeth.

Sixty-eight school visits have been made; several home visits and trips were made taking children to doctors, dentists, and clinics.

Audiometer tests were made in all the schools to test the pupils' hearing.

Dr. Weistling from the Northampton State Hospital examined all pupils and found many physical defects for follow up work for the nurse and also nutrition problems. Several of these defects have been remedied.

Dr. Mathews, with the aid of the nurse, gave the second and third inoculations of toxoid to the children who received their first treatment at the well child conference.

A marked improvement has been noted in some of the cases that have been taken to the Pediatric Clinic in Greenfield. Dr. Low is so kind and understanding. The children look forward to their visits with him and derive much benefit.

I enjoy my work with the children very much and hope that in the near future a doctor will come here to help us in this necessary work.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERTA B. WHIDDEN,
Red Cross Nurse.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Charlemont High School increased its enrollment again this year, records showing two more than last year. The same number left the school as last year making a net gain of two, which is encouraging when one considers that it is a war year.

It is gratifying to note that of those students who graduated in June, all are in pursuit of further learning in schools or colleges or in officers training schools in the army. This is a remarkable record and indicates a suitable sociological and academic training in our school. Students entering other schools or colleges enjoyed the position Charlemont High School holds as one of the permanently accredited schools.

This year it has been though best to add to our curriculum material pertaining to the war effort, and to this end subject matter of various courses has been brought into correlation with the modern trend of thought. A course in Preflight Aeronautics has been offered and is being accepted eagerly.

Again the sale of magazines by the students has added considerable to our Athletic Association funds. We thank those who in any way helped to contribute to the success of this school activity.

Students and faculty members have welcomed the new teacher of English, Miss Ann J. McAndrew, who has, among other accomplishments, achieved notable success in preparing the casts for the class plays presented so ably and entertainingly on Stunt Night. All members of the faculty have full schedules as noted in the program of studies below.

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

PERIOD	MR. WHEELER	MRS. VINCENT	MRS. AHEARN	MISS McANDREW
1	General Science	U. S. History	French II	English II
2	Study Hall	World History	Stenography I	English IV
3	Physics	Study Hall	Commercial Geography	Latin II
4	Physics Lab.	Algebra I	French I	Study Hall
5	Economics	Algebra II	Stenography III	English I
6	Vocational Guidance	Study Hall	Typewriting I	Study Hall
7	Commercial Arithmetic	Household Arts	Typewriting III	Civics
8	Preflight Aviation	Safe Driving	Stenography III	Study Hall

THE ENROLLMENT FOR 1942 - '43

	Boys	Girls	Total
Freshmen	5	15	20
Sophomores	5	11	16
Juniors	5	6	11
Seniors	4	8	12
	19	40	59
Left School	3	1	4
Total	16	39	55

THE 1942 GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional ..... March

Invocation ..... Rev. Arthur A. Simmons

Salutatory Address ..... Janet Burdett
..... "American Women in Defense"

Song ..... Girls' Chorus
"Bobolink" - Zamecnik

Essay ..... Hazel Clark
"Science of Today"

Class Will ..... Ruth Legate

Class Prophecy ..... John Goodwin

Valedictatory Address ..... Esther Knott

"Hoosac Tunnel - Symbol of Achievement"
Presentation of Awards ..... Daniel G. Wheeler, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas, Walter E. Lane, Superintendent
Song ..... Girls' Chorus

"Emblem of Liberty" - Suppe-Zamecnik

THE 1942 GRADUATES

*Janet Burdett John Goodwin
Hazel Clark *Esther Knott
Ruth Legate

*With Honors

THE 1942 GRADUATION AWARDS

Pro Merito Awards

Janet E. Burdett John P. Goodwin Esther E. Knott

Pro Merito Pins to New Members

Helen Burnett Mary Kendrick Catherine Stinehour

Patrick J. Coyne Post of the American Legion
Merit Awards Presented by Commander William Hallahan

Janet E. Burdett John P. Goodwin

Franklin Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Franklin Medal
for Exellence in United States History

Catherine M. Stinehour

Special Awards by the Danforth Foundation

Ruth Legate Hazel Clark

Opportunity Awards by a Friend of C. H. S.

John Goodwin Esther Knott

Improvement Prizes by Alumni of C. H. S.

George Dimick Marilyn Langevin

Two With Highest Rank

Donald Raymond Mary Kendrick

Students with Perfect Attendance

Carolyn Avery Hazel Clark Mary Kendrick

Becker College Key for Excellence in Commercial Studies

Helen Burnett

Daughters of the American Revcolution Good Citizenship Pin

Janet Burdett

Pupils on the

HONOR ROLL FOR 1942

First Honors	*Second Honors*
SENIORS	
Janet Burdett	John Goodwin
Esther Knott	
JUNIORS	
Catherine Stinehour	Clare McHaffie
Mary Kendrick	
Helen Burnett	

SOPHOMORES

Phyllis Leise
Ernest Hicks
Helen Baldelli
Mary Butler
Gordon Gilbert

FRESHMEN

Donald Raymond
Carolyn Avery
Ruby Hicks

HIGHEST HONORS IN EACH COURSE FOR 1941 - '42

Algebra 1	Donald Raymond
Biology	Helen Baldelli
Bookkeeping	Helen Burnett
Business Training	Esther Knott
Chemistry	Mary Kendrick
English 1	Carolyn Avery
English 2	Gordon Gilbert
English 3	Mary Kendrick
French 1	Helen Baldelli
French 2	Mary Kendrick
French 3	Janet Burdett
General Science	Ruby Hicks
Geometry	Mary Kendrick
Household Arts	Catherine Stinehour
Latin I	Phyllis Liese
Safe Driving	John Goodwin
Social Economics	Phyllis Liese
Stenogrphy 2	Helen Burnett
U. S. History	Catherine Stinehour
World History	Donald Raymond

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In Athletics, our boys won from the Shelburne Falls team by a comfortable score in baseball. Due to war conservation, Athletics have been restricted to local activities. No attempt is being made to carry out any definite schedule in any of the branches of sports. This is in keeping with governmental requests to conserve gasoline and tires. Local games have created considerable interest.

Softball by both the boys' team and the girls' team have livened up outdoor activities this year. A series of games between

the boys and girls has resulted in strong sense of fair play among the students.

One track meet was held at the local Fair Grounds in the Spring, resulting in much hidden talent being brought to light. Individual competition has shown its value among both boys and girls.

One great need which has presented itself this year is felt particularly in the school building itself. There is no place for students to express themselves physically except in the rooms and hallways of the school. This condition is exceptionally noticable during inclement weather. At recess time and during the noon hour this need for better recreational space most strikingly asserts itself. I hope something may be done in the near future to relieve this condition.

Our Drum Corps presented itself in uniform on three occasions, the most notable of which was at the patriotic parade in Greenfield. A small group! Yes, but a very loyal and efficient one.

In dramatics, the students of all classes achieved remarkable success on Stunt Night. The Freshmen Initiation also brought out a great deal of originality in stunts and dress.

The girls of the Senior class enjoyed a weekend trip to New York in June, culminating a series of efforts to enable them to do this.

Charlemont High School is small in number but in spirit and loyalty it is great. The students are earnest in purpose, sincere in effort, and fully cooperative. With a back ground such as this with which to work, Charlemont High School should continue to grow, develop, and become the foundation for that type of living toward which we all strive.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL G. WHEELER,

Principal.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN JUNE 1942

Name	School	Av. Attend	Enroll ment-
Walter D. Kipp (7 mo.)	High	45.2	55
Daniel G. Wheeler (3 mo.)			
Emma Vincent			
Mary S. Burke			
Anna J. McAndrew			
Marie C. Ahern			
Virginia Belanger	Grades 1-2	18.2	24
Emma Fisk	3-4	21	22
Jeanette Hicks	5-6	21	22
Doris Norwood	7-8	21.2	24
Eleanor Beneat	East	13.2	15

	Elementary	Secondary
Boys	56	20
Girls	52	32
Vocational Tuition Paid		1
Non-Resident	2	14
Average Attendance	98	45
Number of Days of School	171	178

Pupils not absent one half day

Geraldine Annear, Gilbert Lamore, Wallace McLean, Cyrus Annear, Jr., John LaMore, Norman Burdick, Patricia Annear, Edwin Clark, Carolyn Avery, Hazel Clark, Mary Kendrick, and Esther Maynard.

REPORT OF CHARLEMONT ASSESSORS, 1942

	Personal Estate	*Real Estate*
Adams, Mrs. Dorothy	$ 100.00	$ 1,350.00
Adams, Glenn	.....	300.00
Adams, Eva M.	.....	900.00
Adams, N. Eugene	495.00	.....
Adler, Carl	150.00	.....
Adler, Pearl T.	.....	900.00
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B.	.....	300.00
Albee, John E.	.....	400.00
Anderson, Anders	100.00	700.00
Anderson, Esther T.	.....	300.00
Anderson, Raymond	1,900.00	400.00
Andrews, Mrs. Bertha M.	.....	575.00
Andrews, Warren & Irene	.....	300.00
Angeli, Augusto	135.00	1,800.00
Angeli, Charles	290.00	2,450.00
Annear, Cyrus C.	250.00	1,850.00
Ashton, Francis E.	.....	700.00
Avery, Burton W.	.....	5,450.00
Avery, Deane, heirs or devisees	.....	2,385.00
Avery, Francis W.	550.00	1,535.00
Avery, James B.	420.00	.....
Avery, Henry L.	.....	8,450.00
Avery, Nellie J. & Francis W.	.....	4,785.00
Avery, A. L. & Son	10,040.00	.....
Avery, Oscar C.	.....	11,900.00
Avery, Mrs. Maria	.....	1,500.00
Ahola, Weino	.....	600.00
Ballard, Ruth K.	363.00	3,875.00
Bardwell, Harry	.....	3,630.00
Barnes, Benjamin B.	150.00	3,000.00
Barnes, Daniel D.	.....	400.00
Beardsley, C. R.	550.00	.....
Bemis, George, heirs or devisees	.....	7,300.00
Bicknell, Fred O.	.....	5,750.00
Blodgett, Harold D.	.....	1,150.00
Booth, William H.	.....	550.00
Booth, Robert	50.00	150.00
Bolton, George L.	.....	300.00
Boston & Maine R. R.	.....	7,000.00
Baxter, Charles M.	50.00	.....
Bremer, Ruth M.	.....	1,180.00

Bremer, H. J.	340.00	.....
Brooks, George E.	100.00	.....
Brown, Fred C.	125.00	3,150.00
Boullie, Wm. J. and Anna T.	.....	2,000.00
Burt, Harold A. and Marie	.....	1,125.00
Burt, William R.	500.00	1,375.00
Burdett, Alfred E.	25.00	.....
Burnett, W. L.	180.00	1,385.00
Burrington, F. B., heirs or dev.	.....	700.00
Cadwell, John et al	150.00	500.00
Canedy, Floyd M. and Belle	.....	3,450.00
Canedy, Jennie	.....	3,000.00
Carpenter, Dennis V.	.....	2,250.00
Cassidy, George E.	150.00	1,500.00
Cetto, Enrico	50.00	1,300.00
Chapman, George	50.00	.....
Charlemont Wood Products Co.	150.00	6,550.00
Charles, Frederick A.	200.00	.....
Churchill, Charles S.	.....	2,150.00
Churchill, M. H.	.....	150.00
Churchiill, Helen W.	.....	1,500.00
Churchill, Leon	150.00	.....
Clark, Frank S., heirs or dev.	.....	3,180.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret	.....	400.00
Clark, Walter W., heirs or dev.	.....	5,200.00
Cook, Helen H.	.....	1,900.00
Cooley, Olive A.	.....	1,700.00
Cope, Alfred E.	400.00	2,070.00
Conley, Fred J.	1,150.00	7,060.00
Converse, Nellie F. and Ed. G.	.....	5,100.00
Creek, Floyd B. & Flora E.	.....	5,350.00
Crocker, Jennie M.	.....	700.00
Crocker, Fred	45.00	.....
Davenport, Carlton P.	.....	2,550.00
Davenport, Louis A.	.....	250.00
Davenport, William A.	.....	400.00
Davenport, William L.	.....	3,000.00
Dennis, Lot and Rowe, Frederick F.	.....	2,200.00
Davenport, Harold P.	280.00	.....
Dickinson, Alice G.	105.00	1,800.00
Dickinson, Richard	.....	250.00
Dickinson, Edgar G.	.....	240.00
Earl, Thomas	.....	1,200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E.	400.00	200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. and Bernice S.	.....	1,075.00

Ellsworth, Bernice S.	.....	1,000.00
Eagan, John and Alice V.	100.00	2,475.00
Fife, Stanford	120.00	5,600.00
Fisk, Miss Ella, heirs or dev.	.....	1,700.00
Fisk, Roscoe R.	875.00	5,020.00
First National Stores, Inc.	40.00	.....
Flanders, Luther E.	.....	1,250.00
Ford, Arthur	.....	4,700.00
Ford, H. T.	.....	4,000.00
Ford, H. T. & Son	1,000.00	3,675.00
Foliated Talc Co.	.....	200.00
Frary, Eliza N.	.....	2,500.00
Fuller, Alice M.	.....	1,000.00
Gilbert, Clifford J.	100.00	1,000.00
Gilbert, Edward	150.00	3,150.00
Gibson, Herbert and Constance V.	.....	1,000.00
Gingras, Alfred	1,000.00	7,650.00
Glaze, Marjorie	100.00	1,400.00
Gould, Grace C.	.....	3,800.00
Gould, Syril G.	500.00	.....
Greenfield Co-operative Bank	.....	4,900.00
Graf, Edward P. and Mary A.	.....	2,225.00
Grover, Albina	.....	3,650.00
Grover, Joseph W.	195.00	.....
Harris, Ethel R.	980.00	3,130.00
Harris, Herbert R.	330.00	1,300.00
Harris, Herman F.	623.00	650.00
Harris, Herman F., and Esther G.	.....	1,100.00
Harris, Irvin J.	185.00	650.00
Harris, Ralph E.	.....	2,000.00
Hager, Clifford J.	.....	280.00
Hager, O. J.	.....	2,200.00
Hager, Verne	530.00	.....
Heist, Claude W.	.....	1,250.00
Heist, Harry H.	.....	2,680.00
Heist, Paul E.	50.00	730.00
Hillard, Luman H.	.....	100.00
Haywood, Cora R.	.....	2,300.00
Healy, Winston	950.00	3,450.00
Healy, J. J.	1,090.00	24,090.00
Hawkes, Harry F.	895.00	6,150.00
Hawkes, Arthur L.	585.00	5,965.00
Hawkes, Maria	.....	1,400.00
Hallehan, William E.	1,500.00	4,920.00
Harmon, James B.	.....	2,100.00

Harwood, Fannie E.		2,650.00
Harwood, Clarence R.	38.00	
Harrington, Henry L.		1,400.00
Hathaway, Arthur		1,300.00
Hartwell, Ernest		2,100.00
Holden, Charles N. & Son		5,070.00
Hicks, Ray C.	1,230.00	1,865.00
Hicks, Roy A.	728.00	2,175.00
Hicks, Archie L. & Victoria H.		3,300.00
Hunkler, Frank R.		1,570.00
Hunkler, Lawrence		750.00
Hunt, Blanche L.		1,800.00
Henderson, Walter A. and Lenabel H.		1,800.00
Haskins, Arthur	500.00	
James, Alice L.		600.00
Jilson, Fred A., heirs or devisees		2,700.00
Jilson, Guelma J., heirs or devsees		4,850.00
Jenkins, Howard	500.00	
Johnson, Frank L. & Son	590.00	4,395.00
Kendrick, Mrs. Amy T.	697.00	3,570.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,400.00	18,075.00
Kirchleckner, Ignatz, heirs or devisees		785.00
Kirchleckner, Frank	415.00	465.00
Kork, Antone, heirs or devisees		350.00
Kratt, Arthur L.	15.00	
Lanoue, D. Ambrose	150.00	2,330.00
Lanoue, Dolphise A. and Eva M.		7,600.00
Lees, Minnie W.		850.00
Lively, Ernest E.		2,300.00
Lively, Arthur	140.00	1,700.00
Lively, Levi		3,500.00
Legate, Annie S.		450.00
Legate, Īda L.		4,250.00
Legate, Harry F.		2,600.00
Leazer, Mrs. Sophia		800.00
Leazer, William	50.00	
Leland, Harold A.		2,100.00
Leland, Samuel B.	140.00	845.00
Liese, Jessie E.		4,720.00
Lilly, Mrs. Sarah, heirs of dev.		1,000.00
Lincoln, Lulu D.		2,400.00
Lawless, Arthur		2,800.00
Lyman, Mrs. Adelle		3,975.00

Lyman, Frank O.	1,005.00	.....
Lyman, Geraldine H.	.....	4,650.00
Lemay, Isreal G.	215.00	1,250.00
Long, David	1,000.00	.....
Malcolm, David J.	.....	4,000.00
Maynard, Ray W.	.....	900.00
Marcy, Mary S.	.....	400.00
Merrill, Roy S.	.....	3,400.00
Merrill, Phillip	.....	1,400.00
Miller, Mrs. Bessie A.	.....	1,050.00
Miller, Helen W.	300.00	2,150.00
Mathys, George L.	.....	1,300.00
Murtha, Francis P.	.....	560.00
Moors, Ethel P.	.....	700.00
Moriarty, John L.	500.00	1,700.00
Murray, Frank E.	85.00	2,565.00
Murphy, John P.	.....	900.00
Martin, Edward P.	.....	1,700.00
MacLean, Harold W.	400.00	.....
Maynard, Earl O.	.....	1,500.00
McHaffie, John W.	95.00	900.00
McKenna, Theresa A.	.....	5,000.00
Meyrs, E. R.	100.00	.....
Newton, Mrs. Elizabeth F., heirs or devisees	.....	790.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	16,150.00	.....
New England Power Co.	7,240.00	62,900.00
New England Box Co.	.....	6,135.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	25,000.00	.....
Oakes, Daniel M.	.....	100.00
Oakes, Mrs. Edith L.	.....	1,300.00
Osborne, Mrs. Lucy	.....	4,300.00
Payne, Ernest W.	.....	4,700.00
Perdinis, O. S. & Son	.....	300.00
Perry, Mrs. Elsie	.....	150.00
Phillips, Henry H.	450.00	2,100.00
Pierson, William D.	2,255.00	5,385.00
Pleshaw, Charles D.	.....	1,150.00
Potter, Mark W.	170.00	.....
Potter, Mrs. Elizabeth C.	.....	17,650.00
Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	350.00	10,175.00
Postal Tel. & Cable Co.	800.00	.....
Pratt, Clement L.	.....	150.00
Pratt, Walter M.	.....	1,900.00
Purinton, Harry	175.00	.....
Purinton, Albert T.	410.00	1,350.00
Purinton & Ward	.....	50.00

Purrington, Gordon	.....	600.00
Purrington, George R. and Agnes C.	.....	160.00
Pitman, Lawrence	125.00	.....
Rice, George A., heirs or devisees	.....	750.00
Rice, John D.	45.00	3,900.00
Rice, William C.	115.00	2,450.00
Richard, Mrs. Sarah A. F.	.....	1,600.00
Richmond, Burke	220.00	2,290.00
Rivers, Rena M.	.....	3,600.00
Robinson, William C.	.....	3,900.00
Richardson, Lester R.	.....	200.00
Rowell, John A.	800.00	11,500.00
Russell, Florence R.	250.00	8,000.00
Ryan, Helena T.	.....	1,150.00
Richmond, Homer H.	.....	1,280.00
Sampson, Albert A.	350.00	3,950.00
Sandri, A. R.	.....	2,450.00
Sears, Clarence	75.00	.....
Sears, Edwin W.	.....	3,800.00
Sears, Mrs. Jennie Z.	.....	25.00
Shaw, Mrs. A. E.	.....	3,250.00
Shaw, Ballard G. and Ella	.....	4,100.00
Shaw, Harry P.	.....	1,040.00
Sherman, Homer	.....	200.00
Sherman, James M.	200.00	580.00
Sherman, James M., Jr.	.....	110.00
Sherman, Cecil	.....	250.00
Sherman, Elmer L.	.....	830.00
Simmons, Mary	200.00	.....
Slaunwhite, Stewart E.	655.00	2,360.00
Smart, Fred A.	.....	3,600.00
Smith, Walter H. and LaVernie C.	.....	1,700.00
Smith, Walter	25.00	.....
Smith, Elizabeth	.....	2,700.00
Spear, Elbert F.	.....	3,450.00
Stanford, Henry	60.00	.....
Stafford, Chauncy K.	1,065.00	2,800.00
Stafford, Frank E.	75.00	3,000.00
Stacy, Helen B.	.....	200.00
Starr, Nellie	.....	600.00
Stark, William	65.00	.....
Stone, Walter E.	.....	450.00
Streeter, Charles E.	.....	2,800.00
Sullivan, Wilhermina	550.00	6,600.00

Snow, Eva V., et al		200.00
Snead, Hunter and Marjory T.		3,000.00
Simmons, Arthur and Clara		1,000.00
Tanner, Nellie O.		3,520.00
Taylor, Archie F.	40.00	350.00
Taylor, Frank J.		1,440.00
Taylor, Theron S.		3,900.00
Temple, John B.		300.00
Turner, Dora E.		2,800.00
Turner, Christine		4,650.00
Turner, William T.		4,500.00
Turner, William C.		1,900.00
Tarvin, James C.		4,500.00
Tinney, Floyd O.	75.00	770.00
Tinney, Laurence S.	55.00	150.00
Tinney, Irvin F.		1,250.00
Thayer, Fordyce A.	1,250.00	4,280.00
Tower, Edgar D.	420.00	
Tower, Cadence M.		5,330.00
Tower, Mabel A.		3,300.00
Tullis, Nellie J.		100.00
Tyler, Fred A., heirs or devisees		2,000.00
Trustees Congregational Society		650.00
Trustees Methodist Society		2,000.00
Trustees I. O. O. F.		3,500.00
Trustees I. O. O. M.		2,000.00
Trustees Leavitt Cemetery		300.00
Teahan, Roscoe W.		1,400.00
Underwood, Theresa		2,405.00
Underwood, George, Jr.		50.00
VanNostrand, H. L.		2,700.00
Varnum, W. B., heirs or dev.		1,220.00
Veber, Albert L.	125.00	4,450.00
Veber, Gilbert L.		1,150.00
Vincent, E. C.		2,100.00
Vincent, Louis A.	400.00	2,350.00
Vittorossi, Julio	60.00	
Vosburg, Claude	200.00	2,275.00
Valentine, Traversa	10.00	
Warfield, Horace E.	580.00	9,375.00
Warner, Fred		3,400.00
Warriner, Bertha M.		600.00
Western Union Tel. Co.	2,900.00	
Western N. E. Tel. Co.	5,350.00	3,100.00
Wells, Frank J.	5,000.00	10,850.00
Wheeler, Daniel G.		1,785.00
White, Harold T.		60.00

Whipple, Annie F., Tr.	.....	1,755.00
Whittaker, Ernest	70.00	.....
Wilbur, Sterry C., heirs or devisees	.....	1,800.00
Willey, Chester H.	7,100.00	12,595.00
Wilson, Esther G.	.....	2,800.00
Willard, James R.	715.00	4,025.00
Wakefield, Leonard	100.00	.....
Wales, Doris E.	.....	950.00
Walsh, Mary E.	.....	1,100.00
Wells, Alice L. and Fred W.	.....	2,500.00
Wojtkowski, Mrs. Viola	150.00	500.00
Young, Florence	.....	2,230.00

Number of Polls Assessed	215
Number of Horses Assessed	58
Number of Cows Assessed	278
Number of cattle assessed (other than cows)	109
Number of Sheep Assessed	11
Number of Swine Assessed	12
Number of Goats Assessed	6
Number of Fowls Assessed	4,869
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	249
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,082
Assessed Value of Personal Estate	$127,809.00
Assessed Value of Real Estate	781,105.00
Total Valuation	908,914.00
Tax Rate	37.00
Number of Excise Commitments	9
Number of Motor Vehicles	299
Value of Motor Vehicles	53,230.00
Excise	1,808.79

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST W. PAYNE

WINIFRED E. SPEAR

FRANCIS W. AVERY

Assessors

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

February 2, 1942

The morning was devoted to the election of officers. Out of 427 registered voters in the town, only 65 took the privilege of voting.

At the afternoon meeting, Horace E. Warfield was elected moderator, and the report of the Town Officers accepted, the following appropriations and articles were then passed:

$2,450.00	for	Chapter 81 Highways
1,000.00	for	Chapter 90 Highways
3,000.00	for	Snow Roads and Bridges
500.00	for	Civilian Defense
9,000.00	for	Old Age Assistance
3,500.00	for	Welfare
500.00	for	Soldiers' Relief
250.00	for	Aid to Dependent Children
1,071.96	for	Street Lights
324.20	for	Town Property Insurance
300.00	for	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
1,200.00	for	Town Hall
1,000.00	for	Fire Department
3,250.00	for	Officers Salaries to include clerk
600.00	for	Red Cross Nursing Service
100.00	for	Board of Health
150.00	for	Legion Rooms
50.00	for	Memorial Day
50.00	for	Christmas Fund
125.00	for	Bonding Town Officers
15.00	for	Old Cemeteries
100.00	for	Old Home Day
200.00	for	Gypsy Moth Suppression
25.00	for	Interest
300.00	for	Library
180.00	for	Tyler Library
1,250.00	for	Reserve Fund
1,250.00	for	Miscellaneous
1,020.00	for	Tractor Note and Interest
1,037.50	for	Fire Truck Note and Interest
21,500.00	for	Schools

Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $3,000.00 for the 1942 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment.

Voted to accept the layout of a public way leading from the Mohawk Trail to the residence of Walter A. Henderson as stated in the Warrant and to appropriate $500.00 for the construction of said way.

During the afternoon session Alex Zetterman of Ashland, Secretary of Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, presented to the Town the cup recently awarded by the association for the best 1940 Town Report in towns of less than 1,000 inhabitants. Selectman Winston Healy accepted the cup on behalf of the Town.

A resolution was presented by Selectman Frank J. Wells and supported by the voters, that the Town Clerk send an expression of gratitude to James Passmore for his faithful and efficient service as Janitor.

A resolution presented by Frederic A. Charles and supported by the voters.

Resolved it is the sentiment and judgment of the voters and citizens of Charlemont in this 1942 assembled Town Meeting that we express our sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to the present Board of Selectmen for their untiring efforts and diligent ability in giving to the State and Town the 1940 Annual Town Report, that won the first prize in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for all towns less than one thousand population, and be it further resolved that we salute and express our heartfelt thanks to the Secretary of the Selectmen's Association of Massachusetts for coming here today and making this unique and highly prized presentation cup of signal honor, an event that is notable in the 176 years of the Incorporated Town of Charlemont.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Excellency Governor Leverett P. Saltonstall as an expression of our appreciation and gratitude and a second copy be part of Town Clerk's records, of this Annual Town Meeting February 2, 1942.

Gratefully proposed

FREDERICK A. CHARLES

Rr. Floyd O. Mathews made the following statement to the voters present at the Annual Town Meeting February 2, 1942.

In as much as I had made the statement that I would remain in Charlemont for $1,500.00 and the neighboring towns have guaranteed $900.00 I will return to the Town of Charlemont $300.00 of the $900.00 raised and appropriated for a Town Physician at Special Town Meeting January 12, 1942. And will give care for Welfare and Schools, not Old Age cases.

Meeting dissolved.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To either constable of the Town of Charlemont in the County of Franklin:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the first day of February next, at eleven o'clock A. M., then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers:

Clerk for one year
Treasurer for one year
Selectman for three years
Assessor for three years
School Committee member for three years
Library Trustee for three years
Tax Collector for one year
Auditor for one year
Tree Warden for one year
Three Constables for one year
Park Commissioner for three years

For this purpose the polls will be open at eleven o'clock A. M. and will close at three P. M.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the first day of February next, at one-thirty o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting. Horace Warfield

Article 2. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee or take any action thereon:

$ 2,350.00	for Chapter 81 Highways
1,000.00	for Chapter 90 Highways
3,000.00	for Snow, Roads and Bridges
250.00	for Civilian Defense
10,000.00	for Old Age Assistance
2,700.00	for Welfare
250.00	for Soldier's Relief
250.00	for Aid to Dependent Children
1,026.00	for Street Lights
324.20	for Town Property Insurance
260.00	for Workmen's Compensation Insurance
1,200.00	for Town Hall
1,000.00	for Fire Department and Forest Fire Patrol
3,250.00	for Officers' Salaries
250.00	for Board of Health
600.00	for Red Cross Nursing Service
600.00	for Doctor's Salary
150.00	for Legion Rooms
50.00	for Memorial Day
50.00	for Christmas Fund
105.00	for Bonding Town Officers
15.00	for Old Cemeteries
200.00	for Gypsy Moth Suppression
25.00	for Interest
300.00	for Library
180.00	for Tyler Library (From Accumulated Rent)
1,250.00	for Reserve Fund (From Overlay Reserve)
1,250.00	for Miscellaneous
505.00	for Tractor Note and Interest
1,025.00	for Fire Truck Note and Interest
22,175.00	for Schools
141.58	for Henderson Road
25.00	for Rationing Board

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $3,000.00 for the 1943 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to abandon the right of way from the Stacy Road to land of John Egan known

as Gilead Road.

To see if the Town will vote to abandon the right of way known as Stacy Road.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from cash in the Treasury the sum of $10,000.00 said sum to be used by the Board of Assessors, to reduce the tax levy for the year 1943, or take any action thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant posting attested copies thereof one each at the Village Post Office and East Charlemont Church, seven days at least before the date of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

FRANK J. WELLS

HORACE E. WARFIELD

CHARLES E. STREETER

Selectmen of Charlemont.

NOTICE:—This warrant appears as a matter of information only, and the regular annual meeting warrant may include alterations and additions.

E. A. HALL & COMPANY
GREENFIELD, MASS.

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Annual Report

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN of CHARLEMONT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

1943

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WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL

AUGUSTOWSKI, FRANK
AVERY, ALTON
AVERY, HENRY L., JR.
AVERY, PAUL O.
*BIXBY, RUSSELL
BREEN, ROY H.
BURNETT, NORMAN
BURNETT, WILLIAM
BURRINGTON, HORACE
BURRINGTON, PAUL W.
CETTO, ANTHONY
CHURCHILL, CLYDE H.
CLARK, FRANCIS
CLARK, HORACE T.
CLARK, LAWRENCE
DICKINSON, EDGAR
DICKINSON, RICHARD R.
DIMICK, GEORGE H.
DOYLE, MARTIN
FARRELL, HERBERT
GILBERT, RICHARD
GOODWIN, JOHN
GOODWIN, VAN P.
GOULD, SYRIL G.
HARMON, JOHN
HEALY, WINSTON
HENDERSON, KENNETH W.
HENDERSON, RICHARD
HICKS, VARIAN
HUNKLER, HARLEY
KIPP, WALTER D.
KIPP, WILLIAM D.
LANE, ALBION F.
LANE, CRAIG I.
LaPRESTI, VINCENZO
LEMAY, ROLAND I.
LIBBY, ALTON B.
MALCOLM, IAN
*MATHEWS, FLOYD O., JR.
*MAYNARD, GEORGE E.
NEARY, THOMAS J., JR.
PIERSON, DAVID T.
PIERSON, DOROTHY
PIKE, ALFRED W., JR.
PLESHAW, GERVIN
PURINGTON HORACE G.
SHAW BERTRAM F.
SPRINGER, GEORGE
STAFFORD, MERLYN
STAFFORD, WILLIAM P.
SUTTON, JAMES B.
*TAYLOR, CALVIN P.
*TAYLOR, THERON S., JR.
TRUDELL, WILLIAM
TURNER, ARTHUR
WILSON, RAYMOND, JR.

*Fathers in World War I

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1943

Board of Selectmen

HORACE E. WARFIELD, *Chairman*
Term expires 1943

CHARLES E. STREETER
Term expires 1944

FRANK J. WELLS
Term expires 1945

Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

HORACE E. WARFIELD

CHARLES E. STREETER, *Agent*

FRANK J. WELLS

Board of Assessors

FRANCIS W. AVERY, *Chairman*
Term expires 1943

WINIFRED E. SPEAR
Term expires 1944

ERNEST W. PAYNE
Term expires 1944

Board of Health

HORACE E. WARFIELD, *Chairman*

CHARLES E. STREETER

HENRY L. AVERY

DR. GEORGE K. GOULD, *Agent*

School Committee

HENRY L. AVERY, *Chairman*
Term expires 1943

VERENA P. TAYLOR
Term expires 1944

ALFRED E. BURDETT (resigned)
Term expires 1945

MARGARET L. HEALY (app't.)
Term expires 1943

WALTER E. LANE, *Superintendent of Schools*

Library Trustees

MARY E. WARNER, *Chairman*
Term expires 1945

DANIEL WHEELER
Term expires 1943

OLIVE A. COOLEY
Term expires 1944

LaVERNIE C. SMITH, *Librarian*

Clerk
MARY L. CARPENTER

Tax Collector
FRED O. BICKNELL

Treasurer
MARY L. CARPENTER

Park Commission
AVIS M. CHURCHILL, *Chairman*
Term expires 1943

WILLIAM R. BURT
Term expires 1944

HARRY LEGATE
Term expires 1945

Auditor
HARRY LEGATE

Tree Warden
CHARLES CHURCHILL

Constables
FRED O. BICKNELL
WALTER HENDERSON
ALBERT SAMPSON

Fire Chief
and Forest Fire Warden
FRANK J. WELLS

Sealer of Weights
STANTON KENDRICK

Clerk of Town Officers
PHYLLIS L. HEIST

Road Superintendent
RUSSELL STAFFORD

Physician
DR. GEORGE K. GOULD

Red Cross Nurses
DOROTHY C. BURLINGHAM, R. N.
HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.
ALBERTA WHIDDEN

Dog Officer
WALTER HENDERSON

Milk Inspector
PAUL DONEILO

Superintendent, Gypsy Moth
ROY HICKS

Inspector of Buildings
FREDERICK WARNER

Inspector of Animals
ERNEST W. PAYNE

Inspectors of Slaughtering
ERNEST W. PAYNE
CHARLES E. STREETER

Fence Viewers

FRANCIS W. AVERY HARRY HAWKES
ERNEST W. PAYNE

Field Drivers and Pound Keepers

ERNEST W. PAYNE

Weighers

HARRY LEGATE THERON TAYLOR
HAROLD MURRAY

Measurers of Wood and Bark

HERMAN HARRIS WILL C. TURNER
FRANCIS W. AVERY

Measurers of Lumber

WILL C. TURNER WALTER M. PRATT
HERMAN HARRIS DANIEL OAKES

Burial Agents

JOHN McHAFFIE STANTON KENDRICK

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The past year for the Selectmen has been, with but a few exceptions, of a routine nature. It is of interest to note that with 424 registered voters in town there were but 48 that voted at the last annual election. Town meetings give the voters an opportunity to express their view points on the various articles and their expressions are of vital interest to the Town Officers. To give the voters the privilege accorded them, we thought an evening meeting might be in order this year hence we are opening the polls at 1:30 P. M. to vote for the various officers and the business meeting to start at 8 P. M.

In March the Selectmen from Heath, Hawley and Rowe met with this Board and unanimously agreed on the selection of Doctor George K. Gould as Town Physican. He moved here from Millers Falls and is serving Charlemont and surrounding towns.

There were two special Town Meetings called, one for an appropriation of $1,000.00 for Snow Roads and Bridges Account and the other for an appropriation of $750.00 to Machinery Maintenance Fund and $825.00 for schools.

Mrs. Burlingham Red Cross Nurse resigned in October and was replaced by Mrs. Pickwell, R. N.

On Memorial Day an Honor Roll was presented to the town by the business men and several organizations, also a service flag by the Legion and Auxiliary in honor of the boys from town who are serving their country in World War II.

The scenery in the hall was replaced this year with nonflamable material in as much as the State Building Inspector condemned all the old scenery. The velour curtain was also cleaned and fireproofed.

Dr. Streeter and wife attended the Annual Outing of Selectmen at Marthas Vineyard in July and reported a very instructive and enjoyable time.

The duties of Old Age Assistance and Welfare Agent being complicated and requiring much time, through the approval of the Civil Service Commissioner, Mrs. Phyllis L. Heist was appointed by him to act as agent.

The roof on the Tylor Memorial Library was repaired and as soon as material is again available the building should be painted.

We have asked for an additional $200.00 under Public Health Appropriation this year to help care for possible defects found in the physical condition of certain school children.

Charlemont has again received first honors in the Town Report for last year for towns under 1000 population and placed third over all towns. We are happy indeed to again be awarded first prize.

The poem regarding the "Old Covered Bridge" that Selectman Healy submitted to the Department of Public Works a few wears back has again been brought to the minds of the citizens quite forcibly. The bridge is closed as per order of Public Works with very little hope of reopening. The detour via Tower Crossing of approximately five miles is a hardship not only to the many that are obliged to travel it but a handicap to the business of the town.

HIGHWAYS Chapter 81 money, as in years past, was spent under supervision of the State. Very little new construction is allowed at present. There were fourteen of our roads that received a tar surface treatment and three were widened. The worst problem we have at present is the road leading to the farm of Mr. William R. Burt. Since the flood, it has been necessary to use a road that was abandoned. To place this road in good condition requires widening, gravel and several culverts for a distance of approximately two miles.

The Henderson Road was completed and treated with tar.

CHAPTER 90 was spent on Zoar and Rowe Roads for oil and tar. At the time of the last annual meeting we expected to receive $1,000.00 from the State and County to match the funds which the town raised but we did not receive but $500.00, therefore our budget was cut accordingly with a credit balance of $761.41.

SNOW ROADS AND BRIDGES A portion of this money was expended to finish the cribbing on the Zoar Road which we hope will overcome the land slides experienced in past years.

MACHINERY One change has been made in the equipment over last year and that was the exchange of "T-20" tractor plows. This plow is fully hydraulic and can be operated by one man. Widening of the highways in certain places is most advantageous for snow removal. Several years have passed since snow fence has been purchased and without its use, the roadways are often blocked in places.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE The new legislative law, which went into effect September first requires a State approved budget on each case together with a review and other changes. The payrolls also have to be made semi-monthly.

WELFARE cases have been on the decrease again this year and a reduction in this account is again in order.

GENERAL A new account has been asked for under World War II Allowance. This money is to be used to supplement the allotment to servicemen's needy dependents.

Until this year it has been necessary for Towns to borrow money in anticipation of revenue received from the State and County for highway purposes. An amendment to the laws allows us to use available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share, and upon receipt of this money it is to be returned to the treasury. Articles are in the warrant to this effect.

We were pleased to receive such a creditable report from the State Auditors and the advice received from them during their work here is most appreciated.

Any comments or suggestions from the citizens of the town at any time are most welcome.

Cordially submitted,

HORACE E. WARFIELD
CHARLES E. STREETER
FRANK J. WELLS

January 24, 1944 Selectmen.

ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUND

Road	Dragging Scraping	Drainage	Brush	Patch Gravel	Patch Bituminus	Tar Surface Treatment	Sand	Slides	Widening	Total
Zoar & Rowe	$ 18.14	$ 77.45	$ 50.95	$	$ 78.00	$ 365.54	$	$ 11.20	$	$ 601.28
Davis Mine	53.50	10.60	39.15	2.20	38.42	988.73	18.50	79.60	216.00	1,446.70
Vincent	40.25	7.60	.....	51.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98.90
Warner Hill	63.95	52.40	.....	184.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	301.05
Burrington	60.65	11.40	10.60	129.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	212.25
Harris Mt.	165.55	137.60	61.05	155.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	519.60
East Heath	27.60	4.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31.90
Tatro	125.95	43.70	24.60	156.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350.35
Hicks	27.45	7.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.05
Legate Hill	183.20	127.45	45.10	165.20	22.70	213.65	2.75	70.40	.....	832.45
Tower	37.57	.....	8.05	.....	10.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	55.82
Turner	28.45	.....	.....	69.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98.05
Cold River	8.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.82
West Hawley	.....	75.60	21.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96.80
Ford	16.77	.....	.....	25.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.97
So. River	181.50	27.80	58.10	199.52	.....	64.50	2.75	.....	.....	534.17
Dodge Corner	.....	7.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.60
East Hawley	.....	7.60	10.80	.....	37.80	246.42	2.75	.....	.....	305.37
Warfield	40.59	6.60	.....	25.70	.....	377.59	2.75	.....	.....	453.23
Riddle	38.33	11.40	.....	.....	.....	92.42	2.75	.....	.....	144.90
High Street	.....	6.60	.....	.....	.....	39.13	2.75	.....	.....	48.48
Avery	92.85	37.10	21.20	263.50	.....	262.60	.....	.....	.....	677.25
Burnt Hill	24.40	11.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.80

Road	Dragging Scraping	Drainage	Brush	Patch Gravel	Patch Bituminus	Tar Surface Treatment	Sand	Slides	Widening	Total
West Ox Bow	119.60	42.40	31.80	128.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	322.20
East Ox Bow	99.75	21.00	10.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131.35
Richmond	7.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.95
No. River	86.20	33.30	21.20	82.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	95.20	318.20
Colrain	25.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.80	67.40
Creamery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.68	2.75	.....	.....	41.43
Winslow	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.00	.....	.....	.....	13.00
Rice	14.53	6.60	.....	68.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89.63
Pratt	5.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.40
Harmony	.....	6.60	.....	.....	.....	47.15	2.75	.....	.....	56.50
Payne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.52	.....	.....	.....	16.52
Mill	5.40	.....	.....	67.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72.70
Hawkes	7.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.95
Peck	5.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.40
Spear	4.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.30
Henderson	.....	.....	.....	26.80	.....	26.30	.....	.....	.....	53.10
Directional Signs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75.00
									Total . .	$8,225.82

Machinery Earnings

	Chap. 81	Chapt. 90	S. R. & B.	Tn. Rowe	Tn Hawley	Tn. Hall	Total
Pickup	$ 58.80	$	$ 37.60	$	$	$	$ 96.40
Truck No. 2	424.60	27.50	518.10	2.20	19.60	3.30	995.30
Truck No. 3	170.50	17.60	313.50	.....	19.60	.....	521.20
T-20 Tractor	.....	.....	260.25	.....	.....	.....	260.25
T-35 Tractor	.....	.....	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00
Plow No. 2	.....	.....	98.00	1.00	.....	.....	99.00
Plow No. 3	.....	.....	101.50	.....	.....	.....	101.50
T-20 Plow	.....	.....	84.75	.....	.....	.....	84.75
T-35 Plow	.....	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00
Bulldozer	157.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157.50
Sander	.....	.....	23.50	.....	.....	.....	23.50
Maintainer	6.25	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	7.25
Grader	62.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62.50
	$ 879.90	$ 45.10	$1,538.20	$ 3.20	$ 39.20	$ 3.30	$$2,508.90

Chapter 81, Maintenance

Town Appropriation	$2.350.00	
State Contract	5,875.00	
Transferred reserve	.82	
Superintendent		$1,112.10
Labor		2,476.45
Town Equipment		879.90
Hired Equipment		1,373.62
Gravel		193.20
Oil and Tar		2,115.55
Signs		75.00
	$8,225.82	$8,225.82

Chapter 90, Maintenance

Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
State Contract	250.00	
County Contract	250.00	
Superintendent		$ 27.75
Labor		66.60
Town Equipment		45.10
Hired Equipment		204.80
Oil and Tar		394.21
Credit balance		761.41
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

Henderson Road

Town Appropriation	$ 141.58	
Oil and Tar		$ 140.00
Credit balance		1.58
	$ 141.58	$ 141.58

Snow Roads and Bridges

Town Appropriation	$4,000.00	
Superintendent		$ 718.15
Labor		1,419.60
Town Equipment		1,538.20
Supplies		200.60
Credit balance		123.45
	$4,000.00	$4,000.00

Machinery

Appropriation	$3,750.00	
Superintendent		$ 43.20
Labor		69.60
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline		640.94
Christine Turner, rent		300.00
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		14.73
C. H. Willey, equipment, labor and supplies		2,257.09
Frank J. Wells, supplies		54.09
F. W. Hance, supplies		24.82
Harry Purinton, supplies		25.85
Howard Jenkins, supplies		14.75
A. F. Gingras, supplies		36.50
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., oils		78.94
Registry of Motor Vehicles		12.00
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		4.40
Credit balance		173.09
	$3,750.00	$3,750.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation (Town)	$10,000.00	
Federal Balance Jan. 1, 1943	79.19	
Federal Grants for 1943	7,311.52	
51 Cases		$16,593.29
Federal balance carried to 1944		797.42
	$17,390.71	$17,390.71

Old Age Administration

Federal balance on hand Jan. 1, 1943	$ 188.69	
Federal Grants during year	243.68	
Charles E. .Streeter, agent salary		$ 90.00
Phyllis L. Heist, clerical		70.12
Phyllis L. Heist, transportation, etc.		15.76
Supplies		43.56
Balance carried to 1944 account		212.93
	$ 432.37	$ 432.37

Soldiers' Relief

Appropriation	$ 250.00	
2 Cases		$ 84.00
Credit balance		166.00
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Welfare

Appropriation	$2,700.00	
9 Cases		$1,573.53
A. Grover, lodging vagrants		3.50
Boston Council Social Agencies		3.00
Credit balance		1,119.97
	$2,700 00	$2,700.00

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Credit balance		$ 250.00

Street Lights

Appropriation	$1,026.00	
Transferred reserve	4.00	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		$1,030.00
	$1,030.00	$1,030.00

Town Hall

Town Appropriation	$1,200.00	
Wallace Osborn, janitor		$ 400.00
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., fuel		443.21
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		101.14
S. G. Gould, supplies and labor		1.50
D. A. Lanoue, supplies and labor		1.93

Frank J. Wells, supplies and water rent		23.26
Harold Kilgore, labor		8.75
Commissioner Public Safety, boiler insp.		5.00
Herman Harris, supplies		2.50
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		4.14
Labor Payroll		12.55
Express charges		1.03
Alcorn, flameproofing curtains and new drapes		173.90
Supplies		1.49
Credit balance		19.60
	$1,200.00	$1,200.00

Fire Department and Forest Patrol

Town Appropriattion	$ 750.00	
Transferred reserve	25.28	
H. A. Hicks Ins. Co., Insurance for Firemen		$ 190.00
C. H. Willey, construction of Club Room		150.00
James R. Shea, forestry hose		225.00
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., fuel		101.65
Registry of Motor Vehicles, 2 Licenses		4.00
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		14.18
Howard R. Jenkins, labor and supplies		69.35
Harry L. Purinton, supplies		.80
Labor Payroll		20.30
	$ 775.28	$ 775.28

Officers' Salaries

Town Appropriation	$3,250.00	
Horace E. Warfield, selectman		$ 300.00
Charles E. Streeter, selectman		300.00
Frank J. Wells, selectman		300.00
Mary L. Carpenter, treasurer		200.00
Mary L. Carpenter, town clerk		125.00
Francis W. Avery, assessor		125.00
Ernest W. Payne, assessor		125.00
Winifred E. Spear, assessor		125.00
Fred O. Bicknell, tax collector		250.00
Ernest W. Payne, inspector of slaughtering		30.25
Stanton Kendrick, sealer wts. and measures		60.00

Phyllis L. Heist, clerk		629.49
Tellers and Ballot Clerks		8.00
Frank J. Wells, Fire Chief		25.00
Credit balance		647.26
	$3,250.00	$3,250.00

Memorial Day

Town Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Raymond L. Bickford, speaker		$ 25.00
F. H. Brown Co., supplies		14.25
Mrs. Harry Clark, supplies		5.25
Frank J. Wells, supplies		2.80
Renton Baking Co., supplies		2.70
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

Gypsy Moth Suppression

Town Appropriation	$ 200.00	
Roy Hicks, Supt.		$ 77.55
Wilbur Burnett		61.10
Ray Hicks		61.10
Credit balance		.25
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Civilian Defense

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Observation Post		$ 26..65
Report Center		33.70
Credit balance		189.65
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Town Property Insurance

Town Appropriation	$ 324.20	
Walter H. Smith		$ 324.20
	$ 324.20	$ 324.20

Workman's Compensation Insurance

Town Appropriation	$ 260.00	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Co.		$ 100.00
Credit balance		160.00
	$ 260.00	$ 260.00

Interest

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Merchants National Bank		$ 11.00
Credit balance		14.00
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

Board Public Health

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Dr. Merritt B. Low, Well Child Conference		$ 50.00
Alberta B. Whidden, nurse		130.20
Credit balance		69.80
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

Town Physician

Town Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Dr. George K. Gould		$ 450.00
Credit balance		50.00
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Red Cross Nurse Service

Town Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Dorothy C. Burlingham, R. N.		$ 425.00
Hazel Pickwell, R. N.		100.00
Alberta B. Whidden		50.00
Credit balance		25.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Legion Rooms

Town Appropriation	$ 150.00	
D. A. Lanoue, rent		$ 150.00
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

Bonding Town Officers

Town Appropriation	$ 105.00	
Transferred from reserve	4.00	
H. A. Hicks Insurance Co.		$ 109.00
	$ 109.00	$ 109.00

Old Cemeteries

Town Appropriation	$ 15.00	
Leavitt Cem. Ass'n, care of lots		$ 3.00
Horace E. Warfield, labor		2.40
Fred O. Bicknell, labor		2.40
Ray Hicks, labor		6.50
Credit balance		.70
	$ 15.00	$ 15.00

Christmas Tree Fund

Town Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Charles E. Streeter, oranges		$ 5.25
Frank J. Wells, gifts and wrappings		14.70
C. H. Willey, candy		24.75
Credit balance		5.30
Gift from Legion	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
Spent by Comm.	5.00	5.00

Miscellaneous

Town Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Selectmen's expense		$ 116.04
Assessors' expense		16.10
Town Clerk's expense		19.26
Tax Collector's expense		53.62
Treasurer's expense		34.72
Sealer's Expense		2.92
Town Reports (300)		174.88
Western N. E. Tel. Co.		26.30
Charles Churchill, water rent		6.00
District Court of Franklin		17.65
J. R. Turner, Spec. Sheriff		16.98
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		3.00
Frank J. Wells, water rent		25.00
All other expense		129.36
Horace E. Warfield, Sheriff		8.00
Credit balance		600.17
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

War Price and Ration Board

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Stationery and Office Supplies		$ 8.56
Telephone		5.98
Postage (Special Delivery)		.63

Kerosene for heater		1.33
Keys		1.75
Cash Box		3.75
Trucking Safe		3.00
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

State and County Taxes

County Treasurer, dog licenses	$ 222.20
County Treasurer, County tax	2,010.79
State Treasurer, State tax	750.00
State Treasurer, Park and Reservation	23.58
State Treasurer, auditing Town accounts	220.71
	$3,227.28

Cemetery Funds

Treasurer Leavitt Cemetery	$ 7.00
Treasurer Village Cemetery	20.00
	$ 27.00

Notes

Merchants National Bank, note paid	$5,000.00
Theodore N. Waddell, Div. Accts. (Cert. of note)	2.00
	$5,002.00

Withholding Tax

Collector of Internal Revenue	$ 953.01

Library

Town Appropriation	$ 300.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	35.15	
LaVerne C. Smith		$ 200.00
The Personal Book Shop, supplies		8.12
Mayfair Agency, subscriptions		20.85
Corssett & Williams, supplies		.93
Wilcox & Follett Book Co., supplies		18.57
H. R. Huntting Co., supplies		79.37
National Geographic Society, subscription		3.50
Credit balance		3.81
	$ 335.15	$ 335.15

Tyler Memorial Library

Town Appropriation	$ 180.00	
Greenfield Roofing Co., labor and supplies		$ 83.86
Fred O. Bicknell, labor		11.05
Herman Harris, supplies		11.87
D. A. Lanoue, Sr., labor		7.00
W. C. Turner, labor		12.00
S. G. Gould, labor and supplies		4.00
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		1.78
Credit balance		48.44
	$ 180.00	$ 180.00

Reserve

Town Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Bonding Town Officers		$ 4.00
Fire Department		25.28
Chapter 81		.82
Street Lights		4.00
Credit balance		1,215.90
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

Tractor Note and Interest

Town Appropriation	$ 505.00	
Merchants National Bank		$ 505.00
	$ 505.00	$ 505.00

Fire Truck Note and Interest

Town Appropriation	$1,025.00	
Merchants National Bank		$1,022.50
Credit balance		2.50
	$1,025.00	$1,025.00

Recapitulation

Chapter 81 Maintenance	$8,225.82
Chapter 90 Maintenance	750.06
Henderson Road	140.00
Snow Roads and Bridges	3,876.55
Machinery	3,576.91
Old Age Assistance	16,593.29
Old Age Administration	219.44
Soldiers' Relief	84.00
Welfare	1,580.03

Street Lights	1,030.00
Town Hall	1,180.40
Fire Department and Forest Patrol	775.28
Officers' Salaries	2,602.74
Board of Public Health	180.20
Town Physician	450.00
Red Cross Nurse Service	575.00
Legion Rooms	150.00
Bonding Town Officers	109.00
Old Cemeteries	14.30
Christmas Tree Fund	44.70
Memorial Day	50.00
Gypsy Moth Suppression	199.75
Civilian Defense	60.35
Town Property Insurance	324.20
Workmen's Compensation	100.00
Interest	11.00
Library	331.34
Tyler Memorial Library	131.56
Tractor Note and Interest	505.00
Fire Truck Note and Interest	1,022.50
Miscellaneous	649.83
War Price and Rationing Board	25.00
State and County Taxes	3,227.28
Cemetery Funds	27.00
Notes	5,002.00
Withholding Tax	953.01
	$54,777.54

JURY LIST, 1944

EDWARD G. CONVERSE
JOSEPH H. STANFORD
LESLIE F. VINCENT
MERRILL C. GOULD
ROY A. HICKS
HAROLD MacLEAN
MARSHALL A. JOHNSON
FLOYD B. CREEK
EDGAR D. TOWER
EARLE K. HOWES
GUY E. MAYNARD
PAUL E. HEIST
NORMAN W. HAWKES

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1943

RECEIPTS

General cash in Treasury, January 1, 1943	$ 26,557.01	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	920.55	
County Treasurer, dog license money refund	148.30	
Town Clerk, dog license fees	222.20	
Franklin County District Court fines	19.00	
LaVernie C. Smith, Library fines	15.74	
Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund interest	15.05	
Maxwell Library Fund interest	20.10	
Tyler Memorial House Rent	187.50	
Tyler Memorial Land Rent	5.00	
All Alcoholic Licenses	700.00	
Licenses and Permits other than liquor	91.00	
Advertisements in Recorder-Gazette	6.00	
S. W. Hawkes, Cemetery Fund, care of lot	3.00	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund, care of lot	4.00	
Potter Cemetery Fund Interest	20.00	
Stanton Kendrick, Sealer's Fees	20.92	
Unidentified cash	.91	
Town Hall rent, Red Cross	255.00	
Town Hall rent, School Office	175.00	
Town Hall Rent, entertainments	36.00	
Town of Heath, refund on Nurse's Salary	4.58	
Town of Hawley, refund on Nurse's Salary	4.58	
Town of Rowe, refund on Nurse's Salary	4.58	
Town of Rowe, labor on snow road	3.90	
Tax Title, interest and redemption fee	466.11	
Withholding Tax	953.01	
State Treasurer, Income Tax	4,020.00	
State Treasurer, Forestry	25.00	
State Treasurer, Business Corporation Tax	1,447.83	
State Treasurer, reimbursement for loss of taxes	287.30	
State Treasurer, Meal Tax and License Fees	440.80	
Merchants National Bank of Boston, loan for highway	5,000.00	
		$ 42,079.97

TAXES

1939 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	$ 9.84
1940 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	18.50
1941 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	1,225.23

1942 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	4,714.87	
1943 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	26,756.99	
1942 Motor Excise Taxes	37.60	
1943 Motor Excise Taxes	1,380.38	
		$ 34,143.41

INTEREST

Tax interest	$ 222.75	
Surplus War Bonus Fund interest	18.49	
Treasurer's Deposit interest	75.28	
		$ 316.52

WELFARE

Town of Dartmouth	$ 12.00	
State Treasurer, temporary aid and transportation	484.31	
		$ 496.31

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer, State	$ 7,218.91	
State Treasurer, U. S. Grant	7,311.52	
State Treasurer, for cost of administration	243.68	
Town of Buckland, refund	15.00	
Town of Monroe, refund	20.00	
Town of Rowe, refund	56.93	
Town of Deerfield, refund	60.00	
Town of Pittsfield, refund	50.00	
		$ 14,976.04

SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund	$ 4,472.86	
State Treasurer, Supt. of small towns	902.17	
State Treasurer, reimbursement for vocational education	40.27	
Town of Hawley, high school tuition	1,240.84	
Town of Rowe, high school tuition	120.00	
Town of Heath, high school tuition	480.00	
Town of Florida, high school tuition	60.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund interest	53.18	
W. E. Lane, Supt., sale of school supplies	5.95	
		$ 7,375.27

HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Chapter 81	$ 6,321.55	
State Treasurer, Chapter 90	500.00	
		$ 6,821.55

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Town Equipment, snow roads and bridges	$ 1,538.20	
Town Equipment, Chapter 81	879.90	
Town Equipment, Chapter 90	45.10	
Town Equipment, on Town of Hawley roads	39.20	
Town Equipment, on Town of Rowe roads	3.20	
Town Equipment, Town Hall	3.30	
		$ 2,508.90
		$108,717.97

PAYMENTS

Fifty-two Selectmen's Warrants	$ 54,777.54	
Twelve School Lists	21,894.43	
General Cash in Treasury Dec. 31, 1943	31,106.96	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	939.04	
		$108,717.97

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer.

TOWN TRUST FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER

December 31, 1943

The Maxwell Library Fund	$ 1,000.00	
Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund	1,000.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund	2,869.00	
The Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund	252.29	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund	210.94	
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund	158.76	
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund	683.71	
		$ 7,174.70

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1943	Name	Parents
Jan. 5	Thomas Howard Murray	Harold E. Murray Sarah J. Clarke, Murray
Jan. 12	Gene Carl Cetto	Enrico Joseph Cetto Edith May Dean, Cetto
Jan. 12	David Emerson Griswold	Lewis G. Griswold Eunice M. Crocker, Griswold
Jan. 31	Gail Sharon King	Robert S. King Bernice I. Henderson, King
Feb. 20	Donna Lesley Alden	William D. Alden Lesley Wilson, Alden
Apr. 1	Kent Lane Mathews	Floyd Mathews, Jr. Margaret Lane, Mathews
Apr. 14	William Rene Lamore	Herby A. Lamore Desneige Nadeau, Lamore
May 5	Robert Charles Morrison	Howard Ullom Morrison Audrey Pierson, Morrison
June 6	Jessie Maud Bellows	Cecil G. Bellows Jessie F. Ferron, Bellows
July 10	Meredith Austin Harris	Irving J. Harris Emma E. Stafford, Harris
July 11	Dorothy Ann Hawkes	Norman W. Hawkes Ruth S. Clemons, Hawkes
Sept. 10	Martha Elizabeth Jenkins	Howard R. Jenkins Beulah E. Smith, Jenkins
Oct. 17	Arthur Ambrose Lively	Ernest E. Lively Irene S. Lanoue, Lively
Oct. 28	Stanley Daniel Hoyt	Charles Lyman Hoyt Jennie Lucia Pervere, Hoyt

COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
15	12	10	12	14

Marriages

1943	Name	Residence
Feb. 14—	Edgar G. Dickinson	Charlemont, Mass.
	Beatrice E. Wilder	Buckland, Mass.
March 4—	Kenneth Walter Henderson	Charlemont, Mass.
	Charlotte Mae Walden	Shelburne Falls, Mass.
Mar. 10—	James Edward Tracy	Whitingham, Vt.
	Barbara Ann Brooks	Charlemont, Mass.
June 19—	Harold J. Langevin	Charlemont, Mass.
	Beda Louise Anderson	Northampton, Mass.
July 4—	Paul W. Burrington	Charlemont, Mass.
	Ruth M. Kelley	Brookline, Mass.
Dec. 4—	Roland Boecklin	Belmont, Mass.
	Peg Pitman	Charlemont, Mass.

COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
6	12	13	15	6

Deaths

1943	Name	Age Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 16—	Mary Alice Paige	91	1	18
Jan. 29—	Marion Eulalie Warner	69	2	21
Feb. 15—	Frank M. Sherman	81	1	14
Apr. 2—	Frederick A. Turner	90	4	22
May 5—	Thomas McKee	76	6	4
June 18—	Mary Upson Avery	73	8	9
June 22—	John DeWitt Larry	68		
Aug. 30—	Dennis V. Carpenter	63		13
Sept. 18—	Grace Fife	70		
Oct. 19—	Edwin C. Vincent	86	1	2
Dec. 31—	Margaret Murphy Farrell	72	11	16

COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
17	23	15	11	11

98 DOG LICENSES ISSUED
1 KENNEL LICENSE

55 Male Dog Licenses at $2.00	$ 110.00	
36 Spayed Female Licenses at $2.00	72.00	
7 Female Licenses at $5.00	35.00	
1 Kennel License at $25.00	25.00	
		$ 242.00
Paid Town Treasurer	$ 222.20	
Fees Retained	19.80	
		$ 242.00

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217 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED
2 DUPLICATE LICENSES

14 Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses issued free to persons seventy or more years old.		
10 Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Licenses—Free.		
44 Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $2.00	$	88.00
53 Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $2.00		106.00
48 Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at $3.25		156.00
28 Resident Citizen Women's and Minors' Fishing Licenses at $1.25		35.00
15 Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses at $1.50		22.50
2 Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $5..25		10.00
1 Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting License at $10.25		10.25
1 Resident Citizens' Trapping License at $5.25		5.25
1 Non-Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting License at $2.00		2.00
2 Duplicate Licenses at $ .50		1.00
		$ 436.50
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	$ 387.25	
Fees Retained	49.25	
		$ 436.50

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES
FOR THE YEAR 1943

Amount of all polls, personal property and real estate outstanding January 15, 1944 as follows:

1938 Tax	$ 24.50	
1939 Tax	23.03	
1940 Tax	20.30	
1941 Tax	6.83	
1942 Tax	601.52	
1943 Tax	3,262.74	
Total		$3,938.92
1941 Motor Excise	$ 15.09	
1942 Motor Excise	6.00	
1943 Motor Excise	14.00	
Total		$ 35.09
Total		$3,974.01

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. BICKNELL

STATE AUDITORS' REPORT

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the tax collector of the town of Charlemont for the period from September 23, 1942, and of the general accounts of the town from October 2, 1942, the dates of the previous examinations, to November 6, 1943, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The records of licenses granted by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses issued. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the surety bonds filed with the town by individuals to whom liquor licenses were granted were examined and checked.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued. The payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand November 6, 1943, was proved by actual count.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book additions were verified and the cash balance on November 6, 1943, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit, by inspection of the savings bank book, and by actual count of the cash on hand.

The savings bank books representing the investment of trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of pay-roll deductions on account of victory and

withholding taxes were examined and checked. The payments to the collector of internal revenue were verified, and the amounts on hand to the credit of the town employees were listed and proved to the detailed record in the treasurer's office. It is recommended that the pay-roll deductions be entered on the treasurer's cash book as soon as the checks are drawn and that the accumulated deductions be paid to the depository on authority of selectmen's warrants.

The records of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were compared with the pay-rolls of the highway departmnt. The recorded collections were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The payments on account of debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled notes on file.

The tax title records in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the deeds on file and with the collector's records, the payments on account of redemptions being verified.

The surety bonds of the town officers required to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The collections, as recorded, were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

It was noted that the tax collector has made no collections on account of costs, and it is again urged that the tax collector take immediate action to bring about a complete settlement of the overdue taxes which date back to 1938.

The records of library fines collected were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand November 16, 1943, was proved by actual count.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were

examined and checked. The receipts were checked with the record of work done, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand November 18, 1943, was proved by actual count.

The recorded receipts for rents were checked with the record of rentals, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of the public welfare, soldiers' relief, and school departments were examined and checked. The records of charges were compared with duplicate bills and audited pay-rolls on file, the recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements and disallowances were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

It was noted that an elective board has appointed one of its members to another town office or position, in which connection attention is called to Section 4A, Chapter 41, General Laws, which provides that a town board may, if authorized by vote of the town, appoint any member thereof to another town office or position for the term provided by law, if any; otherwise for a term not exceeding one year. The salary of such appointee, however, must be fixed by vote of the town.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 6, 1943. The balance sheet shows that the town is in good financial condition.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

HBD:CAH

Assistant Director of Accounts.

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

BALANCE SHEET - NOVEMBER 6, 1943

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:		
General,	$32,371.53	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations,	939.04	
		$33,310.57
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1938,	$ 24.50	
Levy of 1939,	23.03	
Levy of 1940,	20.39	
Levy of 1941,	53.11	
Levy of 1942,	1,329.83	
Levy of 1943,	6,628.52	
		$ 8,079.38
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1939,	$ 4.00	
Levy of 1940,	4.00	
Levy of 1941,	15.09	
Levy of 1942,	17.35	
Levy of 1943,	86.98	
		$ 127.42

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:		
In Anticipation of Reimbursement,		$ 5,000.00
Federal Tax-Pay-roll Deductions,		157.05
State Tax,		750.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax,		24.63
Auditing Municipal Accounts Tax,		220.71
Dog Licenses—Due County,		75.00
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations,		939.04
Trust Fund Income:		
Leonard School,	$ 23.08	
Hawks Library,	15.05	
Tyler Library,	242.48	
Potter Cemetery,	10.00	
		$ 290.61
Road Machinery Fund,		3,102.91
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance,	$ 1,033.37	
Administration,	251.03	
		$ 1,284.40

Tax Titles,	370.63		Unexpended Appropriation Balances,		16,485.83
Aid to Highways—State,	$ 3,255.87		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		1,627.70
Departmental:			Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Old Age Assistance,	50.00		Levy of 1938,	$ 24.50	
Estimated Receipts to be Collected,	4,254.11		Levy of 1939,	23.03	
Underestimate—County Tax, to be raised in 1944,	409.40		Levy of 1940,	20.39	
			Levy of 1941,	53.11	
			Levy of 1942,	377.59	
			Levy of 1943,	324.31	
					$ 822.93
			Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
			Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,	$ 127.42	
			Tax Title,	370.63	
			Departmental,	50.00	
					$ 548.05
			Surplus Revenue,		18,528.52
	$49,857.38				$49,857.38

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	$ 1,000.00	Fire Department Equipment Loan,	$ 1,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities, ...	$10,559.20	Stephen Leonard School Fund, ...	$ 2,869.00
		Maxwell Library Fund, ...	1,000.00
		Fred W. Hawks Library Fund, ...	1,000.00
		Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund, ...	4,070.56
		Potter Cemetery Fund, ...	1,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, ...	619.64
	$10,559.20		$10,559.20

REPORT OF CHARLEMONT FIRE DEPT.

The following calls were received during the past year for fires.

6 Chimney Fires—no damage.

1 Chimney and home, Town of Rowe.

1 Chimney, and roof.

3 House fires—two of which were started by chimney fires.

1 Gasoline and pumping house.

1 Gasoline motor Mill.

1 Forest Fire—Zoar.

3 Grass fires.

1 Loading Platform, Zoar Station.

Two bad fires on Dec. 13th simultaneous, taxed the strength of the Charlemont Fire Dept. to the limit. The first call coming at 2 P. M., for the Mark W. Potter house, on Legate Hill. While the firemen were busy fighting this fire, another call came in for the Aubrey Rice home. Due to the seriousness of these fires, the High School boys were excused from classes, and rendered valuable assistance, which the department gratefully acknowledges. Also our thanks to Nelson Ward of Buckland, who assisted at the Potter Farm fire.

A five weeks Zone school was held this past winter, sponsored by the State Board of Education, consisting of 10 hours in Fire Fighting. Our instructor was Capt. Ackerman, of the Greenfield Fire Department and the firemen benefitted greatly from these instructions.

Immediately after the completion of this class, a First Aid class of 12 weeks, 24 hours was started, under the auspices of American Red Cross, taught by Geo. Billings of Greenfield, in which the Firemen specialized in artificial respiration. Due to this class, the department now has an Emergency First Aid Station at the Fire house, complete with equipment furnished by the American Red Cross, including two stretchers, arm and leg splints and a large first-aid cabinet.

The Firemen have built two compartments on the For-

est Fire truck, for shovels, and the truck has had extensive repairs.

Christmas packages were sent by the Association members, to 10 of our members now in the services of our country.

Although the thermometer was touching the below zero mark Christmas Eve, the firemen and their wives went thru the town singing Christmas Carols to the "shut-ins."

Two refresher courses in Fire Fighting and First Aid are being started for 1944, one in session, at the present writing.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. GOULD,

Sec. and Treas.

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT BY THE PRICE AND WAR RATIONING BOARD

The work of the Rationing Board has proceeded smoothly and with total lack of argument or any apparent rancor incurred in any quarter. The citizens of the Town have been uniformly reasonable in their requests. The Board is rated by the State, and we hope by our fellow townsmen as a liberal Board.

Clerical work has increased enormously, but is being well and efficiently handled by Mrs. Doyle; though it has necessitated the opening of the office to the public for fewer hours per week in order to allow time to complete the many forms and reports now required by Washington.

Since our last report we have added to the Board David Malcolm, to take care of publicity, and Daniel Wheeler, who has undertaken to help storekeepers and farmers to observe the Maximum Price Regulations.

Mr. Malcolm, acting upon his Doctor's advise, was forced to resign. We take this opportunity to thank him for his cooperation and to express our regret at his departure.

Mr. Wheeler, with a high sense of civic duty, has accepted the most thankless and by far the most detailed job of all that have so far developed for the Board to administer. To him our thanks are due.

The entire teaching staff have twice assisted in registrations. Since no other remuneration was offered them, we hope they will feel repaid by our thanks and the respect of the townspeople for their contribution to the War Effort.

Our Federal Government has supplied the Board with a filing cabinet and a safe—the latter after the Town had already purchased and presented us with one safe. In some respects the Federal Goverment is generous. Washington now also supplies us with the necessary clerical supplies. For this reason the Board is not asking for any appropriation for operating expenses this year.

There is, however, one matter of expenditure which the Board wishes the voters to consider—the matter of a telephone. For ourselves and our own use we do not need one, though it would be of some convenience. We feel that many people would benefit if they could call the O. P. A. office and perhaps save some unnecessary trips, thus conserving gasoline and tires, not to mention their own time. Because East Charlemont is for the most part served through the Shelburne Falls exchange we estimate the cost of telephone service would be $75.00 a year. Incidentally we are the only Board in Massachusetts that has no telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE M. PITMAN, Chairman

WALTER E. LANE

MERRILL C. GOULD

DANIEL E. WHEELER

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1943

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Henry L. Avery, Chairman	Term expires 1943
Verena Taylor	Term expires 1945
Margaret Healy	Term expires 1943
Walter E. Lane	Superintendent
Horace Warfield	Attendance Officer
Dr. G. K. Gould	School Physician
Hazel Pickwell	School Nurse

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens January 3, 1944 Closes February 18, 1944
Second Winter Term	Opens February 28, 1944 Closes April 14, 1944
Spring Term	Opens April 24, 1944
Elementary	Closes June 9, 1944
High	Closes June 15, 1944
Fall Term	Opens September 5, 1944
Elementary	Closes December 15, 1944
High	Closes December 22, 1944
First Winter Term	Opens January 2, 1945

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

May 30, September 4, October 12, November 11, two days at Thanksgiving, December 25.

Resources Due From The State Treasurer For 1943

Massachusetts School Fund, Part 1	$ 1,620.00	
Part 2	4,472.86	
Superintendence	902.17	
Special Aid Small High Schools	1,000.00	
High School Tuition	1,900.84	
Vocational	40.27	
Leonard Fund	53.18	
		$ 9,989.32

FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation	$22,250.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Teachers Salaries	$11,451.00	
Health	300.00	
Superintendence	1,680.77	
School Committee	156.73	
Janitors	960.50	
Transportation	5,266.13	
Tuitions	79.00	
Fuel	415.10	
Books and Supplies	664.96	
Repairs	396.54	
Cafeteria	158.40	
Miscellaneous	365.30	
Unexpended	355.57	
		$22,250.00

TEACHERS SALARIES

Daniel Wheeler	$ 2,040.00
Emma Vincent	1,520.00
Ann McAndrew	660.00
Marie Ahern	762.00
Jean Lombard	480.00
Lois Blakeney	520.00
Doris Norwood	1,150.00
Jeannette Hicks	976.00
Emma Fisk	1,020.00
Marion Brown	584.00
Gladys Gassett	1,080.00

Olga Jurgilewicz	480.00	
Pearle Mills	10.00	
Marjorie Gilbert	12.00	
Ruth Kilgore	40.00	
Thelma Purinton	94.00	
Margaret Loomis	18.00	
Elisabeth Allen	5.00	
		$11,451.00

HEALTH

Alberta Whidden	$ 37.50	
Red Cross	75.00	
Dorothy Burlingame	125.00	
Hazel Pickwell	62.50	
		$ 300.00

SUPERINTENDENCE

Walter E. Lane	$ 1,668.24	
Office Expense	12.53	
		$ 1,680.77

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Henry Avery	$ 50.00	
Verena Taylor	50.00	
Margaret Healy	50.00	
Annie Stiles Sec. Jt. Bd.	6.25	
Western Union	.48	
		$ 156.73

JANITORS

Will C. Turner	$ 930.00	
Gladys Gassett	30.00	
		$ 960.50

TRANSPORTATION

C. H. Willey	$ 739.58	
A. E. Burdett	704.00	
Arthur Gingras	1,055.00	
W. D. Pierson	1,006.25	
Roy Hicks	700.00	
Harold Burt	421.00	
Irving Harris	309.00	
Henry Stanford	262.50	
Herman Harris	68.80	
		$ 5,266.13

TUITIONS

Town of Shelburne, Elementary	$ 50.20	
Town of Shelburne, Vocational	28.80	
		$ 79.00

FUEL

Ellsworth Filling Station	$ 47.00	
W. N. Potter Stores	297.10	
Will Turner	56.00	
Aubrey Rice	15.00	
		$ 415.10

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Laidlaw Bros.	$ 8.35	
J. P. Lippincott	2.98	
Ginn & Co.	53.83	
Webster Pub. Co.	8.67	
World Book Co.	15.25	
Silver Burdett Co.	113.70	
Nat'l Inst. Voc. Research	3.61	
H. L. Waste	11.60	
Chas. Scribner's	.97	
Gregg Pub. Co.	11.90	
Cascade Paper Co.	15.30	
A. L. Avery & Son	20.04	
Beckley Cardy	10.60	
Macmillan Co.	10.56	
Gledhill Bros.	140.02	
J. L. Hammett	1.41	
Iroquois Pub. Co.	13.36	
C. H. Demond Co.	4.50	
Howard & Brown	13.12	
O. H. Toothaker	1.33	
Am. Tech. Society	20.60	
D. C. Heath & Co.	16.41	
Allyn & Bacon	44.04	
American Book Co.	15.03	
S. K. Nelson	12.00	
Chemical Rubber Co.	8.01	
Scott Foresman	16.66	
E. E. Babb Co.	1.58	
Grolier Society	4.04	
Du-Ev Products Co.	54.38	
W. E. Aubuchon Co.	5.88	
Hazel Pickwell	.73	
American Ed. Press	4.50	
		$ 664.96

REPAIRS

A. F. Gingras	$ 1.50	
W. N. Potter Stores	.75	
Edward E. Babb Co.	69.49	
Du-Ev Products Co.	42.88	
Franklin Forestry	2.50	
Chas F. Peck Co.	1.67	
S. G. Gould	16.78	
D. A. Lanoue	104.76	
Frank Wells	2.55	
Will Turner	121.40	
Fred Warner	1.00	
A. L. Avery & Son	31.26	
		$ 396.54

CAFETERIA

Leora Howes	$ 158.40	
		$ 158.40

MISCELLANEOUS

Walter Henderson	$ 1.00	
S. K. Nelson	36.00	
Town Hall Rent	75.00	
Comm. Public Safety	10.00	
Frank Wells	20.00	
W. New Eng. Tel. Co.	46.20	
No. Berkshire Gas Co.	177.10	
		$ 365.30
Unexpended		$ 355.57

REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Charlemont:

I present herewith my annual report concerning the schools for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Citizens and educators alike have to realize in these chaotic days that the prosecution of the war, all important as it is, is not the only important task that lies before us. We should earnestly try to maintain our schools and their standards that we may train our boys and girls to think intelligently along social, economic, and political lines for these same boys and girls will assume as citizens the many perplexing problems of a post war world. Our schools can make vital contributions toward winning the war and at the same time guard their fundamental values, the basic principles of education.

Former students of Charlemont schools are represented in every branch of the armed services and are serving well on many far flung battle fronts. We are proud of them and the sacrifices they are making to serve their country.

There were three resignations in the late summer from the Charlemont school faculty. Miss Marion Brown of the primary grades was elected to a position in Needham, Mass. She was replaced by Miss Olga Jurgilewicz, a graduate of the North Adams Teachers College and a teacher of experience. Mrs. Marie Ahern, of the High School Commercial and French courses, remained in California and her position was taken by Miss Lois Blakeney, a graduate of Emanuel College. Miss Jean Lombard, a graduate of Bates College, was employed to teach English replacing Miss Ann McAndrew, who resigned to accept a position at Newport, N. H.

It has been very difficult the past year to obtain teachers and the shortages will doubtless be felt increasingly as time goes on. Defense industries and the services have both claimed many teachers. All teachers who remain in their positions should feel that they are giving a patriotic and much needed service to America and her future citizens.

Our teachers have co-operated in carrying out the various rationing programs under the direction of the State Dept. of Education, they in turn complying with the requests of the Federal Government.

The resignation of Mrs. Leora Howes as director of the village school cafeteria was received with regret. It has thus far been impossible to find anyone to conduct the cafeteria and its loss is felt keenly. Hot lunches are a tremendous health asset to the school children.

Much credit is due the parents and citizens at East Charlemont for their cooperation in the cleaning and painting at the school. Dr. and Mrs. Streeter gave a great deal of time and labor as well as materials, which included the jacketing of the stove. Lights were installed at this school for the opening of the fall term. Two storm windows have recently been purchased, also six primary chairs. A hot lunch program is being carried out very satisfactorily at the East Charlemont School this year under the direction of the teacher and the older pupils. Mrs. Gladys Gassett, teacher at this school took courses last summer at the Farmington, Maine State Normal School.

It is my desire to correct a current misunderstanding by stating that all school children in this school union have for a period of years had health books and health materials for study. For further information on health matters, I wish to call your attention to the reports of the school physician, Dr. George K. Gould, and the school nurse, Mrs. Hazel Pickwell.

Some redecorating was done during the year at the village school in addition to the usual minor repairs and upkeep of the building. The basement floors have recently been painted.

The 1943 legislature passed a law whereby towns with a valuation of $2,500,000 or over must pay teachers a minimum salary of $1200. While our valuation does not place us in the group of towns affected, yet we are affected by the law since we must compete with towns having salaries starting at $1200.00 when we try to hire teachers. Another law requires that towns of the Commonwealth must pay a sum for retirement benefits for teachers having a military leave of absence.

At the time the budget was made up last year and even when the special town meeting was held, it was expected there would be a cafeteria expense for the full year and it was hoped to continue with a music supervisor. Since these two items were not carried throughout the year there is an unexpended balance in the school account.

The following funds are estimated to be due the town on account of schools for the year 1943.

Massachusetts School Fund.	Part 1	$1,620.00
	Part 2	4,472.86
Superintendence,		902.17
Special Aid Small High Schools.		1,000.00
H. S. Tuitions.		1,900.84
Vocational.		40.27
Leonard Fund.		53.18
		$9,989.32

Mr. Alfred Burdett, who gave excellent service on the School Committee for a number of years was forced to resign on account of ill health. Mrs. Winston Healy was appointed to serve in his place.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the School Committee, teachers, and citizens for their co-operation and helpfulness throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. LANE

Superintendent.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL

Education in Charlemont during the past year has felt the influence of war in two vital departments. In the first place, our young folks are finding that large payrolls and increasing urges for manual displays of patriotism are compelling influences which have drawn some from completing their elementary education. In the second place, war's influence on educators has made its influence felt.

Our enrollment has again suffered a small loss; four less than last year. This is felt most in our boys group. Below, a report of the enrollment will elaborate on this.

Also, due to the fact that new teachers have been needed to replace our losses here, re-arrangements of schedules and curricular have been necessary. This past year has seen a loss of 50% of our teaching staff. Mrs. Ahern, who for many years held the Commercial Department to such high standards, and Miss McAndrew, who headed our English and Latin departments have been called to other duties. We, as teachers, miss their helpful association greatly.

However, war or no war, education must continue. We must continue. We have been fortunate in securing Miss Lois Blakeney in the Commercial subjects and French, while Miss Jean Lombard is ably carrying on the English and Latin.

Typewriting has again proven most popular. The supply of typewriters however is limited and the Commercial students will continue in their preference in this subject. Mechanics of Aviation has replaced the Preflight Aviation of last year, and much interest has been evidenced in the subjecct.

This past year has seen some improvement in the interest shown in individual subjects and by individual pupils. The honor rolls continue larger with the passing of the marking periods. For instance, the first marks of the fall term saw over 50% of the students on either the first or second honor rolls. It is my belief that this is some kind of a record.

A continuation of good marks and high standards have

led to an extension of the crediting of students for college entrance. Many of the present senior class are planning to take advantage of this privilege.

A harmony among the students and teachers is being felt more and more. A seriousness among the students is voluntary. A realism, that to gain an education an effort is being made, is indeed expressing itself.

This year we are offering the following subjects:

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Period	Mr. Wheeler	Mrs. Vincent	Miss Blakeney	Miss Lombard
1	General Science	Study	Study	English III
2	Bookkeeping	U. S. History	Study	English II
3	Study	General Math.	French II	English I
4	Biology	World History	Stenography	Study
5	Chemistry	Study	Typewriting I	Sociology
6	Chem. Lab.	Algebra I	French I	Study
7	Geometry	Household Arts	Typewriting II	Latin I
8	Mechanics	Household Arts	Study (Type Extras)	Study

THE ENROLLMENT FOR 1943 - '44

	Boys	Girls	Total
Freshmen	8	8	16
Sophomores	6	13	19
Juniors	2	9	11
Seniors	3	5	8
	19	35	54
Left school	2	1	3
	17	34	51

THE GRADUATION PROGRAM, JUNE 18, 1943

Class Motto

Impossible is Un-American

Class Colors
Red, White and Blue

Class Flower
American Beauty Rose

Class Roll

*Helen Burnett, Treas.
George Dimick
Barbara Hawkes, Sec.
Bessie Hillman
*Mary Kendrick, Pres.
Marilyn Langevin
Clara McHaffie
David Newton, V. Pres.
*Catherine Stinehour
Margaret Tinney
Richard Henderson

*With Honors

Processional ..... March
Invocation ..... Rev. Arthur A. Simmons
Salutation ..... Catherine Stinehour
Class History ..... Barbara Hawkes
Song, "Beautiful Dreamer," Foster ..... Girls' Chorus
Essay, History of Charlemont ..... Helen Burnett
Class Prophecy ..... George Dimick
Class Will ..... Margaret Tinney
Song, "Springtime," Wooler ..... Girls Chorus
Valedictory Essay, "Norway, an Active Ally,"
Mary Kendrick
Presentation of Awards..... Daniel G. Wheeler, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas, Walter E. Lane, Superintendent
Song, "Star Spangled Banner," Key
Audience and Girls' Chorus

THE 1943 GRADUATION AWARDS

Pro Merito Awards (Certificates)

Mary Kendrick, Catherine Stinehour, Helen Burnett

Pro Merito Awards (Pins)

Gordon Gilbert, Ernest Hicks, Elizabeth Dunlop
Phyllis Liese, Helen Baldelli

American Legion Awards (Patrick J. Coyne Post)

Mary Kendrick, David Newton

Washington-Franklin Medal - Franklin Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

Mary Kendrick

Literary Digest Award
Valedictorian of Class, Mary Kendrick

Daughters of theAmerican Revolution Award Good Citizenship Pin
Catherine Stinehour

Opportunity Award - C. H. S. Alumni
David Newton, Catherine Stinehour

Improvement Awards - "An Old Friend of C. H. S."
Bessie Hillman, Donald Raymond

Richard Wheeler Science Award
Donald Raymond

Becker College Key for Excellence in Commercial Subjects
Helen Burnett

Remington Typewriter Award - First Year Typewriting
Alberta Maynard

High School "C" - Members of Athletic Teams

PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL FOR 1943

First Honors	*Second Honors*
	Seniors
Mary Kendrick	Helen Burnett
Catherine Stinehour	Bessie Hillman
	Juniors
Phyllis Liese	Gordon Gilbert
Ernest Hicks	Helen Baldelli
Elizabeth Dunlop	
	Sophomores
Donald Raymond	Elizabeth Tinney
Ruby Hicks	Esther Maynard
Carolyn Avery	Alberta Maynard
	Jacqueline Daignault
	Freshmen
David Knott	Julia Burnett
	Eunice Burt
	Phyllis Howes
	Ruth Lanoue

HIGHEST HONORS IN EACH COURSE FOR 1942 - '43

French I	Carolyn Avery
French II	Phyllis Liese
Shorthand	Esther Maynard
Typewriting 1	Alberta Maynard
Commercial Geography	Catherine Stinehour
English 1	David Knott
English 2	Carolyn Avery
English 3	Elizabeth Dunlop
English 4	Mary Kendrick
Civics	Mary Kendrick
Latin 2	Ernest Hicks
U. S. History	Mary Kendrick
World History	David Knott
General Science	Eunice Burt
Algebra 1	Dorcas Lyman
Commercial Arithmetic	David Knott
Algebra 2	Donald Raymond
Physics	Donald Raymond
Aviation	Donald Raymond
Household Arts	Ruby Hicks
Economics	Catherine Stinehour
Safe Driving	Phyllis Liese
Vocational Guidance	Helen Baldelli

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

This year the students and teachers of Charlemont High School have bought War Bonds in sufficient amount to equal the cost of two "Jeeps." Many purchases of War Savings Stamps have of course, not been reported but we know many books are now filled or nearly so. We are try-in to "Keep Them Flying."

Athletics have been confined to inter-class and inter-group games. The men of the Fire Department have been the opposition on several occasions and softball still seems to be the most popular sport. The few boys and the distance they live from the school has confined activities in athletics to the school period or early evening.

The Juniors and Seniors have carried on separate dance projects at Goodnow Hall during the past season

with very good financial returns. These events have offered the townspeople a splendid opportunity to meet their friends and to spend a most pleasant evening.

Again this year the students have sold subscriptions to magazines with the result that over $225.00 in subscriptions were turned in to the publishers. The Athletic Association fund has been greatly enriched by the support given the magazine drive. We hope it will continue.

Many enjoyable evenings were spent by the students rehearsing for and presenting the class plays. Honors went to the Sophomores who presented "Who Murdered Who?" Jack Russell was declared the "Best Actor." He starred in "The Wallflower Cuts In." Also the Freshmen were again initiated with due enthusiasm. Much of the success of the plays goes to Miss Lombard, who spent much time in bringing the class plays to "stage time."

In June the Senior Class enjoyed their annual trip to New York under the leadership of Miss McAndrew.

We have received new music books. These have been used to advantage by the students, Miss Lombard and Carolyn Avery helping out by substituting at the piano.

From the foregoing you may draw the conclusion that although the war has made its mark in our school—the spirit is still high, the enthusiasm and interest is keen, and all connected with the school are glad to be trying to make it a better place in which education and a knowledge of better living go hand in hand.

DANIEL E. WHEELER,

Principal.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING IN JUNE 1943

Name	School	Av. Attend.	Enrollment
Daniel Wheeler	High	45.27	59
Emma Vincent			
Marie Ahern			
Ann McAndrew			
Marion Brown	Grades 1-2	18.37	21
Emma Fisk	3-4	19.93	25
Jeannette Hicks	5-6	16.44	20
Doris Norwood	7-8	20.3	21

	Elementary	Secondary
Girls	41	40
Boys	46	19
Vocational Tuition		1
Non-resident		12
Average Attendance	83	45
Number of days of school	170	177

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Superintendent and the
Citizens of Charlemont:

I hereby submit my report as examining physician for the schools.

Owing to the fact that I did not start my work until about April 1st, the examinations were somewhat delayed. The essential finding among the school children were diseased tonsils, teeth and poor posture. I found the parents and the teachers to be very co-operative in these examinations. I certainly will look forward to a more detailed report for the coming year.

I am very sure that with the school nurse we will be able to follow the health of the school children.

G. K. GOULD

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Charlemont, Mass., Jan. 10, 1944

Mr. Walter Lane, Supt. of Schools,
Charlemont, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lane:

A Well Child Conference was held in August with 55 children attending. Dr. Low, pediatrician was assisted in his examinations by Mrs. Warman, state nutritionist, Miss Gertrude Hornung, R. N., state assistant consultant, and Mrs. Burlingham, R. N., Red Cross nurse. Local people also assisted in the work. Fourteen children were vaccinated and 17 were given the first toxoid injections of which 13 were later completed by Dr. Gould.

Several school visits have been made. Children weighed, measured, and eyes tested in schools where the teachers had not already done this work.

The usual fall physical examination and follow up work of the school children have not yet been made.

Two girls and three boys were at summer health camp during the summer vacation. All gained in weight.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.

REPORT OF CHARLEMONT ASSESSORS, 1943

	Personal Estate	Real Estate
Adams, Mrs. Dorothy	$ 100.00	$1,350.00
Adams, Glenn		300.00
Adams, Eva M.		900.00
Adams, N. Eugene	575.00	
Adler, Carl	150.00	
Adler, Pearl T.		950.00
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B.		300.00
Albee, John E.		400.00
Anderson, Mrs. Anders	100.00	700.00
Anderson, Esther T.		300.00
Anderson, Raymond		400.00
Andrews, Mrs. Bertha M.		575.00
Andrew, Carl	25.00	
Andrew, Warren & Irene	75.00	300.00
Angelli, Augusto	150.00	1,800.00
Angelli, Charles	535.00	2,450.00
Aldrich, Allie C.		1,500.00
Annear, Cyrus C.	250.00	1,850.00
Ashton, Francis E.		700.00
Atkins, Ralph B. & Doris E.		900.00
Avery, Burton W.		5,450.00
Avery, Mabel J.		2,435.00
Avery, Francis W.	485.00	1,535.00
Avery, Nellie J. & Francis W.		4,785.00
Avery, Henry L.		8,450.00
Avery, A. L. & Son	8,540.00	
Avery, Oscar C.		11,900.00
Avery, Mrs. Maria		1,500.00
Ahola, Weino		600.00
Ballard, Ruth K.	403.00	3,875.00
Bardwell, Harry		3,630.00
Barnes, Benjamin J.	150.00	3,000.00
Barnes, Daniel D.		400.00
Bemis, Harry		7,300.00
Bicknell, Fred O.		5,750.00
Blodgett, Harold D.		1,150.00
Booth, William H.		550.00
Booth, Robert	50.00	150.00
Bolton, George L.		300.00

Boston & Maine R. R.		7,000.00
Baxter, Charles M.	120.00	
Bremer, Ruth M.		1,180.00
Bremer, H. J.	620.00	
Brown, Fred C.	140.00	3,150.00
Boullie, Wm. J. & Anna T.		2,000.00
Burt, Harold A. & Marie		1,125.00
Burt, William R.	940.00	1,375.00
Burdett, Alfred E.	25.00	
Burnett, W. L.	270.00	1,385.00
Burrington, Anna M.		700.00
Breneman, William & Olga	75.00	350.00
Bliss, Edna L.		1,280.00
Canedy, Floyd M. & Belle		3,300.00
Canedy, Jennie		3,000.00
Carpenter, Dennis		2,250.00
Cassidy, George E.	150.00	1,500.00
Cetto, Enrico	60.00	1,300.00
Charlemont Wood Products Co.	150.00	6,550.00
Charles, Frederick A.	200.00	
Churchill, Charles S.		2,150.00
Churchill, M. H.		150.00
Churchill, Helen W.		1,500.00
Churchill, Leon	150.00	
Clark, Inez T.		3,180.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret		400.00
Clark, Mrs. Cora		5,200.00
Cook, Helen H.		1,800.00
Cooley, Olive A.		1,700.00
Cope, Alfred E.	435.00	2,070.00
Conley, Fred J.	1,830.00	7,060.00
Converse, Nellie F. & Edward G.		5,100.00
Creek, Floyd B. & Flora E.	150.00	5,350.00
Crocker, Jennie M.		700.00
Crocker, Fred	50.00	
Davenport, Carlton P.		2,550.00
Davenport, Louis A.		250.00
Davenport, William A.		400.00
Davenport, William L.		3,000.00
Dennis, Lot & Rowe, Frederick F.		3,400.00
Dickinson, Alice G.	155.00	1,800.00
Dickinson, Richard		250.00
Dickinson, Edgar G.		240.00

Earl, Ralph		1,200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E.	400.00	200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S.		1,075.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S.		1,000.00
Eagan, John & Alice V.	100.00	2,475.00
Fife, Sanford	135.00	5,600.00
Fisk, Mabel H.		1,700.00
Fisk, Roscoe R.	1,180.00	5,020.00
First National Stores	40.00	
Flanders, Luther E.		1,250.00
Flanders, W. F. & Son	1,050	
Fleury, Mrs. Annie		1,755.00
Ford, Arthur		4,700.00
Ford, Walter H.	1,000.00	7,675.00
Foliated Talc Co.		200.00
Frary, Eliza N.		2,500.00
Fuller, Alice M.		1,000.00
Gilbert, Clifford J.	100.00	1,000.00
Gilbert, Edward	150.00	3,150.00
Gibson, Herbert & Constance V.		2,500.00
Gingras, Alfred	1,000.00	7,650.00
Gould, Grace C.		3,800.00
Gould, Syril G.	500.00	
Greenfield Co-Operative Bank		4,900.00
Graf, Edward P. & Mary A.		2,225.00
Grover, Albina		3,650.00
Grover, Joseph	150.00	
Graham, Mrs. Maria		1,500.00
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E.	1,660.00	2,500.00
Harris, Ethel M.		630.00
Harris, Herman F.	515.00	650.00
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G.		1,100.00
Harris, Irvin J.	227.00	650.00
Harris, Ralph E.		2,000.00
Harris, Herbert R.	390.00	1,300.00
Hager, O. J.		2,200.00
Hager, Verne	555.00	
Heist, Claude W.		1,400.00
Heist, Hannah M.		2,380.00
Heist, Paul E.	80.00	880.00
Hilliard, Luman H.		100.00
Haywood, Cora R.		2,300.00
Healy, Winston	1,440.00	3,450.00
Healy, J. J.	1,010.00	24,090.00
Hawkes, Harry F.	1,060.00	6,150.00

Hawkes, Arthur L.	750.00	5,965.00
Hawkes, Maria, Estate		1,400.00
Hallehan, William E.	1,500.00	2,955.00
Harmon, James B.		2,100.00
Hescock, Earl C.	250.00	
Harwood, Fannie E.		2,650.00
Harwood, Clarence R.	20.00	
Harrington, Henry L.		1,400.00
Hathaway, Arthur	75.00	1,300.00
Hartwell, Ernest		2,100.00
Holden, Linna		5,070.00
Hicks, Ray C.	1,630.00	1,865.00
Hicks, Roy A.	1,010.00	2,175.00
Hicks, Victoria H.		3,300.00
Hunkler, Frank R.		1,570.00
Hunkler, Lawrence		750.00
Hunt, Blanche L.		1,800.00
Henderson, Walter A. & Lenabel H.		1,800.00
Irving, Lawrence & Selma		100.00
Jenkins, Howard & Beulah	500.00	1,750.00
Johnson, Frank L. & Son	940.00	4,395.00
King, Mrs. Grace		7,550.00
Kendrick, Mrs. Amy T.	825.00	3,570.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,400.00	18,075.00
Kirchleckner, Ignatz, heirs or dev.		785.00
Kirchleckner, Frank	635.00	465.00
Kork, Antone, heirs or devisees		350.00
Kratt, Arthur L.	15.00	
Lanoue, D. Ambrose	150.00	2,330.00
Lanoue, Dolphis A. & Eva M.		7,600.00
Lees, Minnie W.		850.00
Lively, Ernest E.		2,300.00
Lively, Arthur	250.00	1,700.00
Lively, Levi		3,500.00
Legate, Annie S.		450.00
Legate, Ida L.		4,250.00
Legate, Harry F.		2,600.00
Leazer, William	50.00	800.00
Leland, Harold A.		2,100.00
Leland, Samuel B.	165.00	845.00
Liese, Jessie E.		4,720.00
Lilly, Mrs. Sarah		1,000.00
Lincoln, Lulu D.		2,400.00
Lawless, Arthur		2,800.00
Lyman, Frank O. & Geraldine	530.00	3,975.00

Lyman, Geraldine H.		4,650.00
Lemay, Israel	50.00	1,300.00
Lemore, Herbert	100.00	
Malcolm, David J.		4,000.00
Marcy, Mary S.		400.00
Mathews, Dr. W. C.	100.00	
Merrill, Roy S.		3,400.00
Merrill, Philip		1,400.00
Miller, Mrs. Bessie A.		1,050.00
Miller, Helen W.	300.00	2,150.00
Mathys, George L.	360.00	1,300.00
Murtha, Francis P.		560.00
Moors, Ethel P.		700.00
Moriarty, John L.	500.00	1,700.00
Murray, Frank E.	140.00	2,565.00
Murphy, John P.		900.00
Martin, Edward P.		1,700.00
MacLean, Harold W.	400.00	
Maynard, Earl O.		1,500.00
McHaffie, John W.	95.00	900.00
McKenna, Theresa A.		5,000.00
Newton, Evans K.		790.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	16,050.00	
New England Power Co.	7,240.00	62,900.00
New England Box Co.		5,385.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	25,000.00	
Oakes, Daniel M.		100.00
Oakes, Mrs. Edith L.		1,300.00
Osborne, Mrs. Lucy		4,300.00
Osborne, Wallace	60.00	
Payne, Ernest W.	60.00	4,600.00
Pitman, Mrs. Eloise M.		2,260.00
Pease, Erwin A. & Ethel M.		1,050.00
Perdinis, O. S. & Son		300.00
Perry, Mrs. Elsie		150.00
Phillips, Mrs. Henry H.	480.00	2,100.00
Pierson, William D.	3,085.00	5,385.00
Pleshaw, Charles D.		1,150.00
Potter, Mrs. Elizabeth C.		17.650.00
Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	350.00	10,175.00
Postal Tel. & Cable Co.	800.00	
Pratt, Clement L.		150.00
Pratt, Walter M.		1,900.00
Purinton, Harry	175.00	
Purinton, Albert T.	525.00	1,350.00

Purrington, Gordon		600.00
Purrington, George R. & Agnes C.		160.00
Pitman, Lawrence M.	125.00	
Pratt, Leroy	100.00	
Richmond, Earle	325.00	
Riddell, Hugh	405.00	
Rice, Mrs. Alice		750.00
Rice, John D.	80.00	3,900.00
Rice, William C.	50.00	2,450.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F.		1,600.00
Richmond, Burke	153.00	2,290.00
Rivers, Rena M.		3,600.00
Robinson, William C.		3,900.00
Richardson, Lester R.		200.00
Rowell, John A.	500.00	9,500.00
Russell, Florence R.	250.00	7,000.00
Ryan, Helena T.		1,150.00
Sampson, Albert T.	350.00	3,950.00
Sandri, A. R.		2,450.00
Sears, Edwin W.	180.00	3,800.00
Sears, Mrs. Jennie Z.		25.00
Sears, Mabel V.		2,640.00
Shaw, Virginia P.		400.00
Shaw, Lincoln H.		340.00
Shaw, Marlyn R.		400.00
Shaw, Mrs. A. E.		3,250.00
Shaw, Ballard G. & Ella		4,100.00
Sherman, Homer		200.00
Sherman, James M.	225.00	580.00
Sherman, James M., Jr.		200.00
Sherman, Cecil		250.00
Sherman, Elmer L.		1,030.00
Simmons, Mary	200.00	250.00
Simmons, Arthur & Clara		1,000.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E.	1,110.00	2,360.00
Smart, Fred A.		3,600.00
Smith, Walter H. & Lavernie C.		1,250.00
Smith, Walter H.	25.00	
Smith, Elizabeth		2,700.00
Spear, Elbert F.		3,450.00
Stanford, Henry	175.00	
Stafford, Chauncy K.	1,875.00	2,800.00
Stafford, Frank E.	50.00	3,000.00
Stacy, Helen B.		200.00
Stacy, Charles	65.00	

Starr, Nellie		600.00
Stark, William	75.00	
Streeter, Charles E.		2,800.00
Sullivan, Wilhelmina	550.00	6,600.00
Snow, Eva V., et al		200.00
Snead, Hunter & Marjorie T.		3,000.00
Taylor, Archie F.		3,520.00
Taylor, Archie F.	170.00	350.00
Taylor, Hattie S.		1,440.00
Taylor, Theron S.		3,900.00
Temple, John B.		300.00
Turner, Dora E.		2,800.00
Turner, Christine		9,150.00
Turner, William C.		1,900.00
Tarvin, James C.	160.00	4,500.00
Tinney, Floyd O.	160.00	1,020.00
Tinney, Lawrence S.	100.00	150.00
Tinney, Irvin		1,250.00
Thayer, Fordyce A.	1,275.00	4,280.00
Tower, Edgar D.	385.00	
Tower, Candace M.		5,330.00
Tower, Mabel A.		3,300.00
Tullis, Nellie J.		100.00
Teahan, Roscoe W.		1,400.00
Trustees Congregational Society		650.00
Trustees Methodist Society		2,000.00
Trustees I. O. O. F.		3,500.00
Trustees I. O. O. M.		2,000.00
Trustees Leavitt Cemetery		300.00
Underwood, Theresa		2,405.00
Underwood, George		50.00
VanNostrand, H. L.		2,700.00
Varnum, Chester		1,220.00
Veber, Gilbert L.		900.00
Vincent, E. C.		2,100.00
Vincent, Louis A.	420.00	2,350.00
Vincent, Leslie F.	350.00	
Vittorossi, Julio	45.00	
Vosburg, Claude	200.00	2,275.00
Valentine, Traversa	25.00	
Warfield, Horace E.	885.00	9,375.00
Warner, Fred		3,400.00
Warriner, Bertha M.		600.00
Western Union Tel. Co.	2,900.00	
Western N. E. Tel. Co.	5,400.00	3,100.00

Wells, Frank J.	4,100.00	10,850.00
Wheeler, Daniel G.		1,785.00
White, Harold T.		60.00
Whittaker, Ernest	65.00	
Wilbur, Stephen	50.00	1,700.00
Willey, Chester H.	8,100.00	13,395.00
Wilson, Ester G.		2,800.00
Willard, James R.	1,140.00	4,025.00
Wales, Doris E.		950.00
Walsh, Mary E.		1,100.00
Wells, Alice L.		2,500.00
Wojtkowski, Mrs. Viola	150.00	500.00
Young, Florence		2,860.00

Number of Polls Assessed	206
Number of Horses Assessed	84
Number of Cows Assessed	260
Number of Cattle Assessed (other than cows)	130
Number of Sheep Assessed	7
Number of Swine Assessed	18
Number of Goats Assessed	12
No. of Fowl Assessed	5,286
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	250
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,082
Assessed Value of Personal Estate	131,268
Assessed Value of Real Estate	779,480
Total Valuation	$910,748
Tax Rate	$33 per 1,000
Number of Excise Committments	7
Number of Motor Vehicles	270
Value of Motor Vehicles	42,560
Excise	1,415.12

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. AVERY
ERNEST W. PAYNE
WINIFRED E. SPEAR
Assessors.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

February 2, 1943

The morning was devoted to the election of officers. Out of 424 registered voters in the town only 48 took the privilege of voting.

At the afternoon meeting, Horace E. Warfield was elected moderator and the report of the Town Officers accepted, the following appropriations and articles were then passed:

$2,350.00 for Chapter 81 Highways
1,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highways
3,000.00 for Snow Roads and Bridges
250.00 for Civilian Defense
10,000.00 for Old Age Assistance
2,700.00 for Welfare
250.00 for Soldiers' Relief
250.00 for Aid to Dependent Children
1,026.00 for Street Lights
324.20 for Town Property Insurance
260.00 for Workmen's Compensation Insurance
1,200.00 for Town Hall
750.00 for Fire Department and Forest Fire Patrol
3,250.00 for Officers' Salaries
250.00 for Board of Health
600.00 for Red Cross Nursing Service
500.00 for Doctor's Salary
150.00 for Legion Rooms
50.00 for Memorial Day
50.00 for Christmas Fund
105.00 for Bonding Town Officers
15.00 for Old Cemeteries
200.00 for Gypsy Moth Suppression
25.00 for Interest
300.00 for Library
180.00 for Tyler Library (From accumulated Rent)
1,250.00 for Reserve Fund (to be taken from Overlay Reserve)
1,250.00 for Miscellaneous
505.00 for Tractor Note and Interest
1,025.00 for Fire Truck Note and Interest
21,500.00 for Schools—The following Amendment to motion accepted (Resolved that school children should not be allowed in the Town Hall without the presence of some of the Teachers, Supt. of

Schools, or School Committee in charge.)
141.58 for Henderson Road
25.00 for Rationing Board

Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $3,000.00 for the 1943 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment.

Voted to abandon the right of way from the Stacy Road to the land of John Egan known as Gilead Road. Voted to abandon the right of way known as the Stacy Road.

Voted to appropriate from cash in the Treasury the sum of $6,000.00 to be used by the Board of Assessors, to reduce the tax levy for the year 1943.

The following Resolution was proposed and accepted:—Resolved that some member of the School Board be present at the Annual Town Meetings. Amendment to resolution proposed and accepted that a copy be sent to all three of the School Committee.

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Franklin, ss: To either constable of the Town of Charlemont in the County of Franklin: Greetings

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the seventh day of February next, at Eight A. M., then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers:

Clerk for one year
Treasurer for one year
Selectman for three years
Assessor for three years
School Committee member for three years
School Committee member for two years
Library Trustee for three years
Tax Collector for one year
Auditor for one year
Tree Warden for one year
Three Constables for one year
Park Commissioner for three years

For this purpose the polls will be open at eight o'clock A. M., and may close at nine o'clock, P. M.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the seventh day of February next, at Eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee or take any action thereon:

$1,958.00	for	Chapter 81 Highways
500.00	for	Chapter 90 Highways
3,000.00	for	Snow, Roads and Bridges
25.00	for	Civilian Defense
10,000.00	for	Old Age Assistance
2,000.00	for	Welfare
250.00	for	Soldiers' Relief
250.00	for	War Allowance World War II
250.00	for	Aid to Dependent Children
1,026.00	for	Street Lights
324.20	for	Town Property Insurance
250.00	for	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
1,200.00	for	Town Hall
1,000.00	for	Fire Department and Forest Fire Patrol
3,250.00	for	Officers' Salaries
450.00	for	Board of Health
600.00	for	Red Cross Nursing Service
600.00	for	Doctor's Salary
150.00	for	Legion Rooms
50.00	for	Memorial Day
50.00	for	Christmas Fund
110.00	for	Bonding Town Officers
25.00	for	Old Cemeteries
200.00	for	Gypsy Moth Suppression
25.00	for	Interest
300.00	for	Library
180.00	for	Tyler Library (From Accumulated Rent)
1,250.00	for	Reserve Fund (From Overlay Reserve)
1,250.00	for	Miscellaneous
1,015.00	for	Fire Truck Note and Interest
22,475.00	for	Schools

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $3,000.00 for the 1944 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds

in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from cash in the Treasury the sum of $5,000.00 said sum to to be used by the Board of Assessors, to reduce the tax levy fo rthe year 1944, or take any action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to choose a committee to care for the Honor Roll, and vote to raise and appropriate $25.00 for the expense of the same, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint any one of their board to another position, the salary fixed by vote of the Town, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $1,000.00 as a Post War Program, said sum to be used in conjunction with State and Federal fund, when available, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $75.00 for installation of telephone service for the Rationing Board, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, in order to establish a postwar rehabilitation fund, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to defray any expense connected with Tax Titles, or take any action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to remove from the by-laws Sec. 2 of Chapter 2 which is as follows: "The polls shall be opened at eight o'clock in the morning and shall remain open until twelve o'clock noon."

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant posting attested copies thereof one each at the Village Post-office and East Charlemont Church, seven days at least before the date of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Four.

HORACE E. WARFIELD
CHARLES E. STREETER
FRANK J. WELLS

Selectmen of Charlemont.

Notice:—This warrant appears as a matter of information only, and the regular annual meeting warrant may include alterations and additions.

E. A. Hall & Co.
GREENFIELD, MASS.

Charlemont
MASS.

Mr. O. C. Avery
Charlemont
Mass.

One Hundred Seventy-Ninth

The Old Covered Bridge
Built 1832 - Replaced 1944

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

1944

HONOR ROLL

Thirteen (13) new names have been added to our honor roll during 1944, making a total of sixty-eight (68) boys and girls from the town of Charlemont who have served our country in its hour of need. A gold star has been added to the name of Thomas J. Neary, Jr., who died in action just a few days after returning to the lines following hospitalization from a leg injury caused by shrapnel.

It might be necessary to re-paint the Honor Roll during the coming year as exposure to the weather has faded some of the names. It is also recommended that the Honor Roll be illuminated at night.

Parents have been very cooperative in furnishing the correct names of the boys and girls leaving for service and it is hoped that this practice will be continued during 1945.

WM. E. HALLAHAN

HENRY L. AVERY

STANTON C. KENDRICK

WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL

Frank Augustowski
Alton Avery
Burton Avery
Paul Avery
Henry L. Avery, Jr.
Russell Bixby
Roy H. Breen
Charles W. Burdick
Norman Burnett
William Burnett
Horace Burrington
Paul Burrington
Helen Burt
Anthony Cetto
Clyde Churchill
Francis Clark
Horace T. Clark
Lawrence Clark
Edgar Dickinson
Richard Dickinson
Martin Doyle
George H. Dimick
Herbert Farrell
Gordon J. Gilbert
Richard Gilbert
Charles W. Goodwin
John Goodwin
Van P. Goodwin
Syril G. Gould
John Harmon
Winston Healy
Charlotte R. Henderson
Kenneth W. Henderson
Richard Henderson
Varian Hicks
Harley Hunkler
Walter D. Kipp
William D. Kipp
Albion F. Lane
Craig I. Lane
Vincenzo J. Lapresti
Paul L. Lemay
Roland I. Lemay
Alton B. Libby
Ian Malcolm
Floyd O. Mathews, Jr.
George E. Maynard
John W. Moriarty
Ruth B. Moriarty
*Thomas J. Neary, Jr.
David T. Pierson
Dorothy Pierson
Alfred W. Pike, Jr.
Gervin Pleshaw
Albert H. Purinton
Richard G. Purinton, Jr.
Bertram F. Shaw
George Springer
Merlyn Stafford
William P. Stafford
James B. Sutton
Calvin Taylor
Theron Taylor, Jr.
Margaret J. Tinney
Richard J. Tetreault
William Trudell
Arthur Turner
Raymond Wilson, Jr.

*Killed in action Dec. 26, 1944.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1944

Board of Selectmen

CHARLES E. STREETER, Chairman
Term expires 1944

FRANK J. WELLS
Term expires 1945

HORACE E. WARFIELD
Term expires 1946

Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance

CHARLES E. STREETER, Chairman
FRANK J. WELLS
HORACE E. WARFIELD
PHYLLIS L. HEIST, Agent

Board of Assessors

ERNEST W. PAYNE, Chairman
Term expires 1944

WINIFRED E. SPEAR
Term expires 1945

FRANCIS W. AVERY
Term expires 1946

Board of Health

CHARLES E. STREETER, Chairman
FLOYD B. CREEK
DANIEL WHEELER
DR. GEORGE K. GOULD, Agent

School Committee

FLOYD B. CREEK, Chairman
Term expires 1946

VERENA P. TAYLOR
Term expires 1944

MARGARET L. HEALY
Term expires 1945

ALFRED R. KENYON, Superintendent of Schools

Library Trustees

MARY E. WARNER, Chairman
Term expires 1945

OLIVE A. COOLEY
Term expires 1944

DANIEL WHEELER
Term expires 1946

LaVERNIE C. SMITH, Librarian

Clerk

MARY L. CARPENTER

Tax Collector

FRED O. BICKNELL

Treasurer

MARY L. CARPENTER

Park Commission

WILLIAM R. BURT, Chairman
Term expires 1944

HARRY LEGATE
Term expires 1945

AVIS M. CHURCHILL
Term expires 1946

Auditor

HARRY LEGATE

Tree Warden

CHARLES CHURCHILL

Constables

FRED O. BICKNELL
WALTER HENDERSON
ALBERT SAMPSON

Fire Chief
and Forest Fire Warden

FRANK J. WELLS

Sealer of Weights

STANTON KENDRICK

Clerk of Town Officers

PHYLLIS L. HEIST

Road Superintendent

RUSSELL STAFFORD
MAURICE T. THOMPSON

Physician

DR. GEORGE K. GOULD

Red Cross Nurses

HAZEL PICKWELL, R. N.
LUCIE E. PETERSON, R. N.
ALBERTA WHIDDEN

Dog Officer

WALTER HENDERSON

Milk Inspector

PAUL DONEILO

Superintendent, Gypsy Moth

ROY HICKS

Inspector of Buildings

FREDERICK WARNER

Inspector of Animals

ERNEST W. PAYNE

Inspectors of Slaughtering

CHARLES E. STREETER
ERNEST W. PAYNE

Fence Viewers

MARSHALL JOHNSON
HARRY HAWKES
ALBERT SAMPSON

Field Driver and Pound Keeper

RAY HICKS

Weighers

HARRY LEGATE THERON TAYLOR

Measurers of Wood and Bark

HERMAN HARRIS WILL C. TURNER

FRANCIS W. AVERY

Measurers of Lumber

WILL C. TURNER CHARLES S. CHURCHILL

HERMAN HARRIS DANIEL OAKES

Burial Agents

JOHN McHAFFIE STANTON KENDRICK

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1944 has been a difficult one for nearly everyone and especially so for the town officers. However, in spite of this numerous things have been accomplished in town during the year.

The evening town meeting was a notable success. The large attendance showed that the people of this town are interested in helping govern the town when the town meeting is held so that they can get away from work to attend. This year we will again meet at 8:00 P. M.

The $5,000.00 war bond voted at last year's town meeting was purchased in February.

The steam boiler in the town hall was burned beyond repair February 12, 1944. Bids were immediately asked for. The contract for the new boiler was given S. G. Gould. The jacket for the new boiler must wait the war's end.

Mrs. Pickwell, R. N., resigned as Red Cross Nurse and was replaced by Miss Lucie Peterson, R. N. For the last two months Alberta Whidden has been doing the work as Miss Peterson is absent due to her mother's illness.

The Tyler Memorial Library is now vacant. However, it still needs repairing.

Probably the most notable change in town this year was the replacement of the Old Covered Bridge by the new steel and cement structure. Much time and travel was spent by the Selectmen on this matter. At first a temporary bridge was considered and tentatively agreed upon by the County Commissioners but the Department of Public Works would agree only to a bridge the cost of which was prohibitive. Thereupon it was decided to try for a permanent bridge. The results of this attempt can be seen as we now have the new bridge officially opened to travel December 15, 1944. There is a small amount of finishing to be done when warmer weather arrives. The cost of the new bridge was slightly under the estimated $60,000. It is now hoped that the channel can be cleared next spring so as to better utilize the whole waterway under the bridge.

The Bissel Bridge was condemned by the Department of Public Works. This necessitated the construction of a temporary bridge and approaches at a cost of nearly $1,000.00.

The Old Ore Shed and office were sold November 4, 1944 and are being removed.

The Buttonball Tree was severely damaged by wind last summer.

Highways — Russell Stafford resigned as road superintendent. The vacancy was filled by Maurice Thompson.

All roads in town were given official names to be used on the new Federal Maps soon to appear.

All previously tarred roads were given a coat of tar.

Heath road was graded and tarred.

Riddle road was graveled to make it passable for the lumber trucks.

Tower road required much more care than was anticipated due to the increased travel caused by the closure of the Covered Bridge. The railroad installed a flasher signal at the crossing.

More tar was applied this year and the cost was much higher than in previous years.

Snow Roads and Bridges — There are several bridges that need replanking.

The demand that roads be sanded has increased to such an extent that it costs nearly as much to sand as it does to plow snow.

Machinery — Due to increased cost of repairs and replacement parts and labor shortage some trouble has been encountered in keeping the equipment running. However, as the year closes all machinery is in reasonably good shape.

General — The Old Age Assistance and Welfare Agent has been kept very busy throughout the year. A good job has been done in looking out for the town's interest as well as that of all recipients.

It seems advisable at this time to start a new fund to be used to aid veterans and their families in obtaining the benefits due them from the Federal and State governments and thereby indirectly to protect the town from unnecessary expense later. This fund to be called the Veterans Rehabilitation Fund.

A veteran service center is being planned through

which all veterans and their families of the 10 western Franklin towns will be serviced. The expense of this center will be borne by each town in proportion to the number of persons in service from that town. The office to be at Shelburne Falls.

It is thought that a service center for all 10 towns would make it much simpler for our returning service personnel to get proper consideration of all their problems.

Due to recent enforcing of State Fire laws some changes must be made in the fire house so as to have the heating system legal.

ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUND

Road	Dragging Scraping	Drainage	Brush	Patch Gravel	Patch Bituminus	Tar Surface Treatment	Sand	Slides	Widening	Ledge	Total
Zoar & Rowe	$ 39.30	$ 86.20	$ 70.80	$	$ 7.30	$	$	$ 27.75	$	$ 30.10	$ 261.45
North Heath	157.25	52.80	20.65	872.80	16.25	502.53	4.60	.....	871.70	.....	2,498.58
Vincent	42.75	16.90	11.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71.45
Warner Hill	72.80	43.85	.....	186.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	303.45
Burrington	51.50	.....	10.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62.30
Center Heath	.....	8.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.85
Mountain	215.05	83.63	54.00	66.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	418.78
South Heath	58.25	6.13	.....	30.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95.18
Maxwell	179.20	18.00	28.55	129.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	355.25
Hicks	16.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.80
Legate Hill	266.45	90.60	45.90	359.85	6.20	.....	.....	69.60	.....	.....	838.60
Potter	11.20	.....	.....	59.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70.40
Tower	89.70	11.80	11.80	98.40	67.80	126.72	1.06	.....	.....	.....	407.28
Lodge Lane	18.10	.....	5.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.00
Todd Mountain	.....	11.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.80
West Hawley	.....	29.80	35.40	.....	24.65	8.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	98.05
Chickley	23.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.70
South River	177.85	30.40	136.00	75.90	4.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	424.70
Dodge Corner	.....	5.90	11.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.70
East Hawley	.....	20.65	11.80	.....	4.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.00
Warfield	.....	17.70	9.60	.....	35.85	157.31	1.08	.....	.....	.....	221.54
Riddell	31.85	24.40	9.60	156.30	4.55	.....	.....	.....	36.40	.....	263.10
High	.....	6.08	9.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.68

Heath	67.40	7.40	14.40	40.40	10.05	489.25	5.56	.....	.....	.....	634.46
Burnt Hill	22.40	6.14	14.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.34
West Ox Bow	89.60	13.60	28.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132.00
East Ox Bow	117.60	13.60	24.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	155.20
River View	16.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.80
North River	56.00	7.70	9.60	64.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	137.50
Colrain	22.40	.....	9.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32.00
Johnson	5.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.60
South St.	.....	9.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.60
East Harmony	.....	5.08	.....	.....	4.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.63
North St.	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	39.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	54.15
Mill Hollow	5.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.60
Harmony Ave.	.....	5.08	.....	.....	3.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.93
Rice Fort	.....	5.08	.....	.....	3.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.93
Factory	5.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.60
School	.....	5.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.08
Hawks	6.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.25
Maple Terrace	5.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.60
Windy Hill	5.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.60
Hillandale	.....	5.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.30
										Total	$7,832.81

MACHINERY EARNINGS

	Chap. 81	Chap. 90	S. R. & Brs.	Tn. Heath	Tn. Hawley	Berke-Moore	Total
Pickup	$ 59.00	$	$ 18.40	$	$	$	$ 77.40
Truck No. 2	853.60	9.90	444.40	53.90	15.40	16.50	1,393.70
Truck No. 3	123.20		167.20			24.20	314.60
T-20 Tractor			78.00				78.00
T-35 Tractor			16.50				16.50
Plow No. 2			72.00				72.00
Plow No. 3			63.50				63.50
T-20 Plow			26.00				26.00
T-35 Plow			5.50				5.50
Farmall Tractor	511.50						511.50
Bulldozer	382.50		97.50			190.00	670.00
Sander	8.25	2.25	18.75				29.25
Grader	85.25						85.25
	$2,023.30	$ 12.15	$1,007.75	$ 53.90	$ 15.40	$ 230.70	$3,343.20

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SNOW ROADS AND BRIDGES

Town Appropriation	$3,000.00	
Addition appropriation Oct. 10th Meeting	1,000.00	
Transferred reserve	11.08	
Superintendents (2)		$ 741.20
Labor		1,759.55
Town Equipment		1,007.75
Hired Equipment		283.80
Supplies		218.78
	$4,011.08	$4,011.08

CHAPTER 81, MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	$1,958.00	
State Contract	5,875.00	
Superintendent		$ 932.10
Labor		$2,426.45
Town Equipment		$2,023.30
Hired Equipment		1,293.00
Gravel and Sand		200.50
Oil and Tar	....	957.46
Credit balance		.19
	$7,833.00	$7,833.00

CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 500.00	
State Contract	250.00	
County Contract	250.00	
Superintendent		$ 7.20
Labor		36.92
Town Equipment		12.15
Hired Equipment		68.00
Oil and Tar		867.73
Sand		8.00
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

WELFARE

Town Appropriation	$2,000.00	
Transferred to Snow Roads & Bridges (10:10)		$ 500.00
7 Cases		1,192.39
Boston Council Social Agencies		3.00
Credit balance		304.61
	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Transferred reserve	40.50	
2 Cases		$ 290.50
	$ 290.50	$ 290.50

WORLD WAR II ALLOWANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
1 Case		$ 41.30
Credit balance		208.70
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Transferred to Snow Roads & Bridges (10:10)		200.00
Credit balance		50.00
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	$10,000.00	
Federal balance Jan. 1, 1944	797.42	
Federal Grants for 1944	7,184.89	
2 Canceled checks	80.00	
Transferred reserve	311.10	
47 Cases		$18,373.41
	$18,373.41	$18,373.41

STREET LIGHTS

Town Appropriation	$1,026.00	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		$1,002.00
Credit balance		24.00
	$1,026.00	$1,026.00

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Credit balance		$ 25.00
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 324.20	
Walter H. Smith		$ 324.20
	$ 324.20	$ 324.20

LEGION ROOMS

Town Appropriation	$ 150.00	
D. A. Lanoue, rent		$ 150.00
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Town Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Dr. George K. Gould		$ 550.00
Credit balance		50.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

RED CROSS NURSE SERVICE

Town Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Hazel Pickwell, R. N.		300.00
Lucie Peterson, R. N.		200.00
Alberta B. Whidden, substitute		100.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Transferred reserve	33.89	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Co.		$ 283.89
	$ 283.89	$ 283.89

BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Appropriation	$ 350.00	
Dr. Merritt B. Low, Well Child Conference		$ 50.00
Credit balance		300.00
	$ 350.00	$ 350.00

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation	$ 110.00	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Co.		95.50
Credit balance		14.50
	$ 110.00	$ 110.00

INTEREST

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Credit balance		$ 25.00
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

MACHINERY

Town Appropriation	$3,000.00	
Transferred reserve	334.11	
Amount overdrawn	499.95	
Superintendent		$ 57.60
Labor		93.60
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline		545.33
Christine Turner, rent		300.00
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		15.38
C. H. Willey, equipment, labor and supplies		1,695.10
Frank J. Wells, supplies		21.96
Franklin Lumber Co., supplies		7.88
Harry Purinton, supplies		29.65
Howard Jenkins, supplies		7.25
A. F. Gingras, supplies		7.40
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., oils		67.59
Registry of Motor Vehicles		12.00
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		7.20
Southwestern Petroleum, oils		63.11
L. C. Germain, supplies		12.65
Sawn-Finch Oil Corp., oils		16.25
Consolidated Steel Syn., supplies		62.88
Municipal Steel, supplies		114.54
Empire Steel, supplies		696.69
	$3,834.06	$3,834.06

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Federal balance on hand Jan. 1, 1944	$ 212.93	
Federal Grants during year	239.44	
Phyllis L. Heist, Agent salary and clerical		$ 137.62
Phyllis L. Heist, transportation		32.44
Supplies and Registered mail		22.85
Balance carried to 1945 account		259.46
	$ 452.37	$ 452.37

OLD CEMETERIES

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Charles S. Churchill, labor		$ 3.00
Ray Hicks, labor		6.50
Credit balance		15.50
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

Town Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Charles E. Streeter, gifts, wrappings and oranges		$ 25.40
C. H. Willey, candy and pop corn		16.35
Credit balance		8.25
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
Gift from Individual spent by Comm.	1.00	1.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Town Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Selectmen's expense		$ 96.96
Assessors' expense		21.30
Town Clerk's expense		4.03
Tax Collector's expense		43.93
Treasurer's expense		57.64
Sealer's expense		4.21
Town Reports (300)		202.02
Western N. E. Tel. Co.		40.75
Charles Churchill, water rent		6.00
District Court of Franklin		3.50
Registrars' expense		31.54
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		12.00
Frank J. Wells, water rent		25.00
All other expenses		109.60
Credit balance		591.52
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

TOWN HALL

Town Appropriation	$1,200.00	
Transferred Reserve	211.55	
Janitors (3)		$ 393.30
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., fuel		260.03
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		76.64
S. G. Gould, furnace, supplies and labor		568.15
M. C. Gould, clock repair		1.50
Frank J. Wells, supplies and water rent		15.08
Commissioner of Public Safety, boiler insp.		5.00
Herman Harris, lawn mower repair		1.25
William Starks, labor		1.50
Howard Lamay, labor		7.00
Du-Ev Products Co., floor oil		82.10
	$1,411.55	$1,411.55

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST PATROL

Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
H. A. Hicks Ins. Co., Insurance for Firemen		$ 125.45
Frank J. Wells, supplies		1.00
F. W. Warner, labor and supplies		17.50
D. A. Lanoue, labor and supplies		8.15
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., fuel		127.52
American La-France, supplies		169.98
No. Berkshire Gas Co.		15.68
Howard Jenkins, labor and supplies		30.23
S. G. Gould, labor and supplies		155.81
Labor Payroll		227.46
Miss Canady, hose		1.25
Canceled check		1.00
Credit balance		118.97
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Town Appropriation	$3,000.00	
Charles E. Streeter, selectman		300.00
Frank J. Wells, selectman		300.00
Horace E. Warfield, selectman		300.00
Mary L. Carpenter, treasurer		200.00
Mary L. Carpenter, town clerk		125.00
Ernest W. Payne, assessor		125.00
Winfired E. Spear, assessor		125.00
Francis W. Avery, assessor		125.00
Fred O. Bicknell, tax collector		250.00
Ernest W. Payne, inspector of slaughtering		32.20
Stanton Kendrick, sealer wts. and measures		60.00
Fred O. Bicknell, posting warrants		15.00
Phyllis L. Heist, clerk		568.48
Election Officers, Tellers and Ballot Clerks		80.00
Frank J. Wells, fire chief		25.00
Ernest W. Payne, barn inspection		70.00
Credit balance		299.32
	$3,000.00	$3,000.00

LIBRARY

Town Appropriation	$ 300.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	35.15	
LaVerne C. Smith, salary		$ 200.00
The Personal Book Shop, supplies		16.35
Mayfair Agency, subscriptions		24.05
Remington Rand, Inc., supplies		7.45

Williard Publishing Co., subscriptions		.80
H. R. Huntting Co., supplies		66.61
National Geographic Society, subscription		3.50
Harper's Mazagine, subscription		4.00
Credit balance		12.39
	$ 335.15	$ 335.15

TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town Appropriation	$ 180.00	
Ambrose Lanoue, labor		$ 23.64
S. G. Gould, labor and supplies		12.20
Frank J. Wells. supplies		291
Credit balance		141.25
	$ 180.00	$ 180.00

FIRE TRUCK NOTE AND INTEREST

Town Appropriation	$1,015.00	
Merchants National Bank		$1,007.50
Credit balance		7.50
	$1,015.00	$1.015.00

GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION

Town Appropriation	$ 200.00	
Roy Hicks, Supt.		$ 92.55
Floyd Sherman, labor		36.40
Ray Hicks, labor		70.85
Credit balance		.20
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Transferred reserve	7.77	
G. W. Schryver, speaker		$ 25.00
F. H. Brown, supplies		11.40
Mrs. Harry Clark, supplies		10.00
Frank J. Wells, supplies		3.41
Renton Baking Co., supplies		4.08
First National Stores, supplies		3.18
C. C. Annear, supplies		.70
	$ 57.77	$ 57.77

WAR PRICE AND RATION BOARD

Town Appropriation	$ 75.00	
Western N. E. Tel., installation and service		$ 62.92
Hoffman Seal & Stamp Co., supplies		1.25
Credit balance		10.83
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00

TAX TITLES

Town Appropriation	$ 100.00	
Hobbs & Warren, supplies		$ 1.10
Mary L. Carpenter, recording and expenses		6.83
Credit balance		92.07
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

POST WAR FUND

Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank		$1,000.00
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

HONOR ROLL

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
M. C. Gould, labor		$ 7.50
Credit balance		17.50
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

BOND FUND

Town Appropriation	$5,003.10	
Shelburne Falls National Bank		$5,003.10
	$5,003.10	$5,003.10

CHAPTER 90 BRIDGE

Town Appropriation	$ 5,000.00	
Series of Notes (Town notes $1,000 1945-1955)	10,000.00	
County Contract	15,000.00	
State Contract	30,000.00	
Berke-Moore, labor and supplies		$33,524.07
Advertising		54.91
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		5.00
Bethlehem Steel, structural steel		11,437.20
State Prison Colony, supplies		62.40
Express Charges		28.98
Vernea Taylor, office rent		50.00
Frank J. Wells, supplies		.65
Harry L. Purington, supplies		16.25
Credit balance		14,820.54
	$60,000.00	$60,000.00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

County Treasurer, dog licenses	$ 200.60
County Treasurer, County Tax	2,277.13
State Treasurer, State Tax	1,815.00
State Treasurer, Park and Reservation	34.30
State Treasurer, auditing Town accounts	314.36
	$4,641.39

CEMETERY FUNDS

Treasurer Leavitt Cemetery	$ 10.00
Treasurer Village Cemetery	20.00
	$ 30.00

WITHHOLDING TAX

Collector of Internal Revenue	$1,574.60

TYLER MEMORIAL FUND

Franklin Savings Institution	$ 521.31

MOTOR EXCISE REFUNDS

Rose C. Larry	$ 1.59
Mrs. Floyd O. Mathews, Jr.	5.64
Esther G. Wilson	.69
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	.87
	$ 8.79

DISTRICT COURT OF FRANKLIN

Special Police Officer	$ 2.50

OVER PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

Fred O. Bicknell, tax collector	$ 22.27
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Welfare	345.25
	$ 367.52

RESERVE

Town Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Memorial Day		$ 7.77
Soldiers' Relief		40.50
Workmen's Compensation		33.89
Snow Roads and Bridges		311.08

Town Hall		211.55
Old Age Assistance		311.10
Machinery		334.11
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

RECAPITULATION

Snow Roads and Bridges	$4,011.08
Chapter 81 Maintenance	7,832.81
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Welfare	1,195.39
Soldiers' Relief	290.50
World War II Allowance	41.30
Old Age Assistance	18,373.41
Street Lights	1,002.00
Town Property Insurance	324.20
Legion Rooms	150.00
Town Physician	550.00
Red Cross Nursing Service	600.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	283.89
Board of Health	50.00
Bonding Town Officers	95.50
Machinery	3,834.06
Old Age Administration	192.91
Old Cemeteries	9.50
Christmas Tree Fund	41.75
Miscellaneous	658.48
Town Hall	1,411.55
Fire Department and Forest Patrol	881.03
Officers' Salaries	2,700.68
Library	322.76
Tyler Memorial Library	38.75
Fire Truck Note and Interest	1,007.50
Gypsy Moth Suppression	199.80
Memorial Day	57.77
War Price and Ration Board	64.17
Tax Titles	7.93
Post War Fund	1,000.00
Honor Roll	7.50
Bond Fund	5,003.10
Chapter 90 Bridge	45,179.46
State and County Taxes	4,641.39
Cemetery Fund	30.00

Withholding Tax	1,574.60
Tyler Memorial Fund	521.31
Motor Excise Refunds	8.79
District Court of Franklin	2.50
Over Payments to Treasurer	367.52
	$105,564.89

JURY LIST, 1945

Arthur W. Gingras
Merrill C. Gould
Syril G. Gould
Arthur L. Hathaway
Norman W. Hawkes
Paul E. Heist
Roy A. Hicks
Marshall A. Johnson
Guy E. Maynard
Aubrey L. Rice
Joseph H. Stanford
Edgar D. Tower
Chester H. Willey

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARLEMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following calls were received during the past year for fires:

18 Chimney fires
9 Forest and Grass fires
1 House and Barn (Leland)
1 Truck fire
1 Gas Truck fire.

This past year has been a very busy one for the C. F. D. which started off New Year's Day with a bad brush and forest fire on the Ox Bow road.

March 13, the Sam Leland house and barn burned. The barn was completely burned and the house having caught before being noticed by the nearest neighbors and the alarm turned in.

Two or three chimney fires were very threatening fires. This should serve as a warning to us all, to have our own chimneys cleaned and inspected periodically, and not go around with the assumption too many of us have, mainly—"It can't happen to us."

One of the most dangerous fires this department has ever handled, came Dec. 15, when a Trailer Truck loaded with 5,680 gallons of gasoline, caught fire on the Trail, one-fourth mile west of Black Brook Bridge, near Dead Man's Curve. The firemen present extinguished the blazing truck, saving the Trailer and contents. They should be highly commended for their disregard of personal safety, and very efficient handling of a difficult fire.

A C. F. D. Service Flag with 12 stars, one being Gold, has been made and is now awaiting installation on the front of the building. The Gold Star is in memory of Thomas Neary, Jr., who was killed in action in Belgium. He will always be remembered by the Charlemont Fire Department.

During the summer a 10 hour Zone School was held in fire fighting, sponsored by the State Board of Education. Capt. Ackerman of the Greenfield Fire Department was instructor. The Boy Scouts were invited to participate with the regular members in these classes, receiving the benefits derived therefrom.

To open the current High School basketball season,

the Firemen were challenged by the High School team for the opening game. What- a - Game! Many of the Department members suddenly realized they were very much in the same category as "The Old Grey Mare". Needless to say the High School won by a substantial margin.

As of the past two years, the Department members again went around the Town singing Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve. to the "shut-ins".

Respectfully submitted,

MERRILL C. GOULD,
Secretary and Treasurer, C. F. D. A.

CHARLEMONT RATION BOARD REPORT

Since our last report, there have been various changes in the Board personnel. Because of a Federal law prohibiting a ration board member from running for public office and serving on the Board at the same time, this Board lost two valuable members, Mr. Lawrence Pitman, Chairman, and Mr. Daniel Wheeler, Price Panel Member. David J. Malcolm was elected to succeed Mrs. Ruth Kilgore, who tendered her resignation as Publicity Member. Aubrey Rice was appointed, and resigned after serving the Board faithfully for the duration of his stay. Through the death of Mr. Walter E. Lane, the Board lost a faithful and efficient member. Due to the pressure of school work, Mrs. Emma Vincent, our Price Panel Member, tendered her resignation. Her place has been taken by Mrs. Hazel Hawkes, whose appointment is now pending.

The Board now consists of:

Merrill C. Gould, Chairman
Norman Hawkes
Alfred R. Kenyon, Sr.
David J. Malcolm, Community Service
Mrs. Hazel F. Hawkes, Price Panel Member

Mrs. Martin Doyle, clerk since the beginning of rationing, resigned in September, 1944. Her place has been taken by Mrs. Harold Murray.

New "A" books were issued in November and thanks are extended to those who helped in the issuance of 350 books.

Rspectfully submitted,

MERRILL C. GOULD, Chairman,
NORMAN HAWKES,
ALFRED R. KENYON, SR.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Charlemont for the period from November 7, 1943, the date of the previous examination, to October 21, 1944, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on October 21, 1944.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants committing them for collection. The collections as recorded on the collector's cash books were checked to the commitment books. The additions of the cash books were checked, the payments to the treasurer were listed and verified, the abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the tax accounts transferred to the tax title account were checked, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash balance on October 21, 1944, was proved by actual count of the cash on hand.

Verification notices were sent to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

Attention is again called to the requirement that interest and costs on delinquent taxes, including motor vehicle excise, must be collected in accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 59, and Section 2, Chapter 60A, General Laws.

The collector should take prompt action to clear the

books of old outstanding taxes appearing on the appended balance sheet.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, tax collector and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses granted by the selectmen were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified, and the surety bonds filed with the town by persons to whom liquor licenses were granted were examined, checked and listed.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on October 21, 1944, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository, by actual count of the cash on hand, and by inspection of the savings bank book.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal withholding taxes were examined and checked. The payments to the depository and to the Collector of Internal Revenue were verified, and the balance on hand, representing amounts withheld to be paid to the federal government, was proved to the detailed records in the treasurer's office.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were listed and checked. The income was proved and the amounts withdrawn were verified. The income of the Leonard School fund which has been withdrawn regularly is accumulating in the general treasury, since there have been no expenditures therefrom.

The payments on account of debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The tax title records in the custody of the treasurer were examined and checked with the records of the tax collector. The receipts from sale of lands of low value held under tax titles were checked to the treasurer's cash book and the amount of $119.93 received in excess of the book value of the tax title sold is being reserved as required by Section 79, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The records of charges for the use of town-owned

highway equipment were checked to the highway payrolls. The recorded collections were listed and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked with the record of work done and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the records of licenses issued, the payments to the State and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand October 21, 1944, was proved by actual count.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rate.

The appended balance sheet shows overdrawn accounts aggregating $5,890.10 on account of highway projects to which the State and county contribute funds under Chapters 81 and 90, General Laws, as well as an unpaid order of $11,264.29 for work done on the Deerfield River bridge, a Chapter 90 project to which the State has allotted $45,000.00 in addition to $15,000 appropriated by the town.

Expenditures for State-aided highways may not exceed the total of the amount appropriated by the town and the amount actually received in reimbursements from the State. In order to provide funds from which payments may be made for such projects, the treasurer should obtain a temporary loan as authorized by Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws.

The records of receipts of the librarian were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand was proved by actual count.

The records of the public welfare, soldiers' relief and fire departments were examined and checked. The charges were compared with duplicate bills and audited payrolls on file, the recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

An examination of paid vouchers on file disclosed that a road machinery bill amounting to $1,370.68, paid on a warrant dated February 9, 1944, included a charge for service rendered in 1942 and 1943 amounting to $1,213.13. Attention in this connection is called to the provisions of

Chapter 179, Acts of 1941, dealing with appropriations for and payment of bills of a prior year.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

Balance Sheet - October 21, 1944

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:		
General,	$ 25,508.04	
Surplus War Bonus and Accumulation,	939.04	
		$ 26,447.08
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1942,	$ 178.05	
Levy of 1943,	955.95	
Levy of 1944,	15,165.71	
		16,299.71
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1939,	$ 4.00	
Levy of 1940,	2.00	
Levy of 1941,	15.09	
Levy of 1942,	6.00	
Levy of 1944,	38.10	
		65.19

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Unpaid Warrant, Deerfield River Bridge Construction,		$ 11,264.29
Federal Tax-Payroll Deductions,		161.80
State Charges:		
State Tax,	$ 907.50	
Auditing Municipal Accounts,	314.36	
State Parks and Reservations,	34.30	
		1,256.16
Overpayments to Treasurer by Collector:		
Taxes 1941,	$ 2.00	
Taxes 1943,	15.20	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1944,	4.92	
Interest on Taxes,	.15	
		22.27
Dog Licenses Due County,		106.40
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations,		939.04

Tax Titles,		345.50
Tax Possessions,		60.06
Aid to Highways:		
State,	$ 34,146.07	
County,	250.00	
		34.396.07
Departmental:		
Fire,	$ 44.00	
Public Welfare,	163.00	
Old Age Assistance,	2,380.70	
War Allowance,	72.00	
		2,659.70
Estimated Receipts to be Collected,		1,258.25
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Highways Chapter 81,	$ 1,066.90	
Highways Chapter 90, Maintenance,	250.00	

Trust Fund Income:		
Leonard School,	$ 76.26	
Hawks Library,	15.05	
Tyler Library,	260.92	
Potter Cemetery,	10.00	
		362.23
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund Income,		70.16
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	$ 233.90	
Assistance,	2,045.12	
		2,279.02
Road Machinery Fund,		3,359.95
Due Town of Charlton, State Overpayment,		345.25
Excess from Tax sale, Section 79, Chapter 60, General Laws,		119.93
Unexpended Appropriation Balances,		15,254.10
Reserve Fund, — Overlay Surplus,		1,914.17
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1942,	$ 178.05	
Levy of 1943,	324.31	
Levy of 1944,	273.54	
		775.90

Deerfield River Bridge, Chapter 90, Construction,	4,573.20	
		5,890.10
		$ 87,421.66

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,	$ 65.19	
Tax Title,	405.56	
Departmental,	2,659.70	
State and County Highway,	34,396.07	
		37,526.52
Surplus Revenue,		11,664.47
		$ 87,421.66

Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	$ 10,000.00	Deerfield River Bridge Loan,	$ 10,000.00

Trust and Investment Accounts

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities,	$ 15,997.58	Stephen Leonard School Fund,	$ 2,869.00
		Maxwell Library Fund,	1,000.00
		Fred W. Hawks Library Fund,	1,000.00
		Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund,	4,431.81
		Potter Cemetery Fund,	1,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	626.61
		*Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	5,070.16
			$ 15,997.58
	$ 15,997.58	*Includes $70.16 in general treasury.	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

for the

Year Ending December 31, 1944

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

Floyd B. Creek, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Verena Taylor	Term expires 1944
Margaret Healy	Term expires 1945

Superintendent

Alfred R. Kenyon — Charlemont, Mass.

Attendance Officer

Horace Warfield — Charlemont, Mass.

School Physician

Dr. George K. Gould — Charlemont, Mass.

School Nurse

Lucy Peterson, R. N. — Charlemont, Mass.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens January 2, 1945
	Closes February 21, 1945
Second Winter Term	Opens February 26, 1945
	Closes April 18, 1945
Spring Term	Opens April 23, 1945
Elementary	Closes June 8, 1945
High	Closes June 15, 1945
Fall Term	Opens September 5, 1945
	Closes December 21, 1945
Winter Term 1946	Opens January 2, 1946

School Holidays

May 30, October 12, two days at Thanksgiving.

REIMBURSEMENTS

Massachusetts School Fund Part 1	$1,610.00	
Massachusetts School Fund Part 2	4,568.49	
Superintendence	851.64	
Tuition, Town of Hawley	1,572.00	
Tuition, Town of Heath	171.80	
Tuition, Town of Readsboro, Vt.	60.00	
Tuition, Town of Florida	81.50	
High School Grant	925.00	
Miscellaneous School Supplies	.60	
Vocational Tuition	39.40	
I. O. O. F.	10.00	
		$9,890.43

FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation	$22,475.00
Stephen Leonard Fund	53.18
Total	$22,528.18

Disbursements

Teachers' Salaries	$12,352.00	
Supervision	1,713.35	
School Committee	261.73	
Books	259.68	
Supplies	167.98	
Janitors	1,330.00	
Fuel	517.65	
Repairs	89.57	
Miscellaneous	447.57	
Transportation	5,022.51	
Health	250.00	
Tuition	82.22	
New Equipment	33.73	
Unexpended	.19	
		$22,528.18

School Committee

Floyd Creek	$ 50.00	
Verena Taylor	50.00	
Margaret Healy	50.00	
Verena Taylor, Sec. Jt. Bd.	6.25	
Floyd Creek, expense	11.98	
Teachers Retirement Fund	93.50	
		$ 261.73

Supervision

Walter E. Lane	$ 425.82	
Mrs. Walter E. Lane	283.88	
Alfred R. Kenyon	993.58	
Alfred R. Kenyon, expense	3.21	
Murphy and Snyder	4.75	
Wright & Potter	2.11	
		$ 1,713.35

Teachers

Daniel Wheeler	$ 1,260.00	
Harvey Scribner	880.00	
Emma Vincent	1,550.00	
Jean Lombard	330.00	
Beatrice Kittridge	290.00	
Marie Lacey	352.50	
Lois Blakeney	1,360.00	
Doris Norwood	745.00	
Evelyn Scribner	480.00	
Jeanette Hicks	1,035.00	
Emma Fisk	1,050.00	
Olga Jurgilewicz	1,240.00	
Thelma Purinton	439.50	
Marjorie Gilbert	15.00	
Beulah Jenkins	15.00	
Gladys Gassett	1,255.00	
Pearle Mills	55.00	
		$12,352.00

Text Books

Row, Peterson Co.	$ 48.80	
Scott Foresman Co.	70.80	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	4.07	
Bobbs Merrill Co.	98.35	
Ginn & Company	37.66	
		$ 259.68

Supplies

Department of Correction	$ 4.27	
Du-Ev Products Co.	66.17	
Cascade Paper Co.	21.00	
Howard & Brown Co.	8.65	
H. L. Waste	2.79	
A. L. Avery & Sons	42.39	
Edward E. Babb	16.71	
Grade Teacher	3.00	
F. A. Owens Publishing Co.	3.00	
		$ 167.98

Janitors

Will C. Turner	$ 1,300.00	
Gladys Gassett	30.00	
		$ 1,330.00

Fuel

Aubrey L. Rice	$ 35.00	
W. N. Potter Grain Co.	415.15	
S. K. Nelson	3.50	
Frank J. Wells	40.00	
Elsworth Service Station	18.00	
Norman Hawks	6.00	
		$ 517.65

Repairs

Frank J. Wells	$ .78	
S. G. Gould	62.54	
Snyder Typewriter Co.	23.75	
A. F. Gingras	1.00	
Harold Perrault	1.50	
		$ 89.57

Miscellaneous

Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	$ 178.15	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	14.11	
Alfred E. Burdett	10.00	
Frank J. Wells	20.69	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores	.90	
S. C. Gould	1.39	
Walter Henderson	8.50	
Marion Dunlop	16.42	
Charles Pleshaw	13.20	
Edward E. Babb	70.73	
Will C. Turner	3.50	
Richard Clark	2.00	
E. A. Hall Co.	21.00	
Charles Peck	1.38	
Town of Charlemont	75.00	
C. H. Batchelder	3.70	
Herman Harris	6.90	
		$ 447.57

Transportation

C. H. Willey	$ 915.76	
A. E. Burdett	240.00	
Arthur Gingras	1,062.00	
W. D. Pierson	1,082.25	

Roy Hicks	708.00	
Harold Burt	419.00	
Irving Harris	330.00	
Henry Stanford	265.50	
		$ 5,022.51
Health		
Red Cross Nurse	$ 250.00	
		$ 250.00
Tuition		
Town of Shelburne	$ 82.22	
		$ 82.22
New Equipment		
J. L. Hammett Co.	$ 33.73	
		$ 33.73
Unexpended		.19

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Charlemont School Committee:

I present herewith my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools. In these first few months I have found much of interest in making my acquaintance with your school system, its personnel, organization, textbooks, equipment, and pupil activities.

The Village School

Your attention is called to the report of the Village School principalin which is taken up some interesting matters pertaining to the Village School.

With the passng of the years, repairs and replacements become necessary in any building. A good start was made this year by painting both basements and the Cafeteria. The floors throughout the building were washed and sealed. This work was done by Mr. Turner who deserves much credit for the professional character of his work. The plaster in the building has been checked and repaired.

Swings were purchased and hung for the children, also rubber play balls for the grades.

Desks from the third and fourth grade rooms were moved to the first and second grade and additional seats were provided for grades five and six to replace those mov-

ed to grades three and four. This shift of furniture has brought about better seating conditions in the above grades.

East Charlemont School

The school room was cleaned during the summer and the desks were washed and polished.

New curtains have been provided for the windows.

Program of Studies

The elementary program has been strengthened by the introduction of textbooks offering a suitable sequence of material.

Recommendations

In making these recommendations I am fully aware of the stress of the times and the fact that it may prove inadvisable to make some of the following changes or additions at present.

The sash and trim on the Village School should be painted.

The sash, trim and shed on the East Charlemont School should be painted.

The floor at the East Charlemont School should be improved. Some provision should be made for the improvement of the drinking water at the East Charlemont School. Replacement of old and outmoded textbooks should continue.

Consideration should be given to the possibility of employing a part time Art and Music Supervisor in cooperation with the other Towns of the Union.

Miscellaneous

The annual physical examinations of the children in the public schools has been completed.

Junior Red Cross continues its effective work.

War saving stamps are sold in the schools.

The schools have cooperated in the various salvage drives.

Conclusion

A appreciate the opportunity of serving as your Superintendent of Schools. My coming here has been made pleasant by many acts of consideration both official and unofficial.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. KENYON,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF VILLAGE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is with pleasure that I herewith submit my first annual report for the Charlemont Village School. The facts contained herein pertain only to the past four months' activities.

With your permission and for the convenience of the public, I will submit all data in brief summary form.

Courses offered: Academic, Commercial and General.

Enrollment by grades as of December:

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
9	7	5	12
10	6	10	16
11	4	9	13
12	1	8	9
Totals	18	32	50

Enrollment in High School by Towns:

Hawley	Readsboro	Heath	Charlemont
15	1	2	32

Faculty and teaching load:

Grade School

Miss Olga Jurgilewicz	Grades one and two
Mrs. Emma Fisk	Grades three and four
Mrs. Jeanette Hicks	Grades five and six
Mrs. Evelyn Scribner	Grades seven and eight

High School

Miss Marie Lacey	English I, II, III, IV, World History, and Econ. Geo.
Miss Lois Blakeney	Languages, Typing I, II, Stenography I
Mrs. Emma Vincent	Social Studies, Algebra II, Bus. Arithmetic, Household Arts and American History
Mr. Harvey Scribner	Algebra I, Geometry, Biology and Physics

The above program is conducted on a seven period day consisting of forty minutes each. An extra fifteen minutes is allowed daily for assembly.

The playground and building is supervised from 8:30 A. M. to the close of the day on a cooperative teacher plan.

Pupils leave the grounds only by permission of the person in charge. This is done in the interest of those parents who demand knowledge of their child's whereabouts.

The pupils and teachers highly appreciate the fresh, clean building with its newly painted basements and resurfaced floors. We have come to respect and to obligate ourselves as a unit to keep them unmarred. In this effort, it must be said that Mr. Turner, our building Custodian, receives much credit.

Miscellaneous Activities: A definite need for social relaxation was realized which resulted in the Athletic Association financing a new Public Address System and Record Player at a cost of $105.00. Each activity using this equipment pays back to the Association a rental fee.

By possessing this Recording Instrument, the school has been able to sponsor bi-monthly socials. The attendance has been mostly young folks from the school and has averaged above the hundred mark. The true value received cannot be realized unless you have been present. You are invited to attend at any time.

A Junior Red Cross drive has resulted in nearly 100% membership.

Grades five and six received thanks for Place Cards made and donated to the Shriner's Hospital.

Seventeen Dollars was raised by the School for the United War Fund Drive.

Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Dollars in Magazine Subscriptions were sold. This not only resulted in profits to the school but also means good reading materials in many homes.

The Freshman Class has collected over three tons of paper salvage and still has plans for more collections in the spring.

Fine cooperation has been felt from local newspaper correspondents who have given us a weekly column.

A Skating Rink has been constructed on the tennis courts and at the time of this writing is ready for skating enthusiasts.

The school now subscribes to two daily newspapers: The Transcript and The Christian Science Monitor. Each class also has subscribed to magazine publications for the school.

Attendance has received much attention and has resulted in an average in the grades of 94.78% and 93.49% for the High School.

Athletics have been resumed this year. With your continued support and patience a strong comeback will result. With only seven boys realizing the benefit derived from Basketball it is very difficult to satisfy those who believe the only reward is Victory. However, my philosophy is to cultivate health habits, sportsmanship and above all build a physically developed body to accompany our efforts in the classroom. Let victories come when they may.

As for the girls, they are already strong contenders for Franklin County honors and if these honors are won they will be derived under the above ideals.

Baseball will receive the same treatment in its turn.

Christmas Carols were played over our Public Address System for public enjoyment during the Holiday Recess.

Three Hundred Dollars and Fourteen Cents in Stamps and Bonds have been bought by the pupils. A Minute Man Flag was awarded to the school for 90% of the enrollment purchasing Stamps.

The finances of the various school organizations have been centralized into one account. Each treasurer still continues to carry on his own book but in addition the Principal keeps a Master Book for all accounts. The balances at this writing are as follows:

Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	A. A.	Total
$54.36	$67.77	$73.01	$204.52	$62.46	$462.12

As for your faculty, I believe their merits speak for themselves. Your continued support, the spirit of the parents, the perfect cooperation of the teachers and above all the aims and ideals of the students have made the activities mentioned possible and hold much in store for the Charlemont Village School.

It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY SCRIBNER,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit my annual report.

Our routine work has again been accomplished and

very few serious defects noted. The report of the number examined and defects remedied will be found in the report of the nurse.

I believe that the most important health factor in the schools is the low humidity of the rooms. The rooms are heated adequately but the moisture control is low. This factor could be easily remedied.

I find that the Superintendent, the Nurse and the Teachers are all very cooperative and I wish to thank them as well as the Parents for their unity of purpose and aid to us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. K. GOULD, M. D.,

School Physician.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Spring and fall physical examinations were made of all school children by Dr. Gould, assisted by the nurse. The outstanding defects were teeth.

The local Board of Health is planning a Dental Clinic in the near future. Dr. Hall, the state dentist has promised to come here to conduct such a clinic as soon as he can arrange it.

A two day well child conference was held in town during the month of July. Forty-seven children were examined by Dr. Merritt Low pediatrician of Greenfield. Several children were given the first injection of Diphtheria toxoid. The second and third injections were given later by Dr. Gould.

Audiometer and vision tests were made in all the school. Few defects were noted.

I am submitting this report in the absence of Miss Peterson who will be back on duty the first of February.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERTA B. WHIDDEN,

Substitute Nurse.

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE

October 1, 1944

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
5													Totals
6	9	5											14
7	2	8	2										12
8		1	3	2									6
9		1	8	7	4								20
10			2	9	4	5							20
11				2	2	8	2						14
12					2	1	4	6	1				14
13						1	3	1	1	1			7
14							2	3	7	5			17
15								4	2	3	3	1	13
16							1			6	9	1	17
17										1	2	8	11
18											1		1
Total	11	15	15	20	12	15	12	14	11	16	15	10	166

Registration of Minors

October 1, 1944

Age Group	5 to 7	7 to 14	Total
Boys	14	54	68
Girls	10	55	65
Totals	24	109	133
Distribution in Public Schools	14	109	123
In Private School			
In Vocational Schools			
Not in School	10		10
Total	24	109	133

THE 1944 GRADUATION PROGRAM

Class Motto

Honor Lies in Honest Toil

Class Colors
Red and White

Class Flower
Carnation

Class Roll

*Helen Baldelli
*Elizabeth Dunlop
*Gordon Gilbert
*Ernest Hicks
*Phyllis Liese
Mildred Lyman
John Russell

Class Officers

President, Elizabeth Dunlop
Vice-President, Gordon Gilbert
Secretary, Mildred Lyman
Treasurer, Ernest Hicks

Faculty

Daniel G. Wheeler, Principal
Mrs. Emma B. Vincent
Miss Lois Blakeney
Mrs. Beatrice Kittredge

Superintendent of Schools

Alfred R. Kenyon

School Committee

Mr. Floyd Creek, Chairman
Mrs. Theron Taylor, Sr.
Mrs. Winston Healy

*With honors

PROGRAM

Processional . . . . . March
Carolyn Avery, Pianist Robert Bushnell, Violinist
Invocation . . . Rev. Sherman E. Johnson
Salutatory Essay, "Value of Education" Ernest Hicks
Class History . . . . . Phyllis Liese
Song, "The Long Road," Curtis High School Chorus
Essay, "Rejected Opportunities" . John Russell
Class Prophecy . . . . . Gordon Gilbert
Class Will . . . . . Helen Baldelli
Song . . . . . High School Chorus
"The Ash Grove," Welsh Folk Song
Presentation of Gifts . . . Mildred Lyman
Valedictory Essay, "Crossroads" Elizabeth Dunlop
Presentation of Awards Daniel G. Wheeler, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas Alfred R. Kenyon, Supt.
Song . . . . . Audience and Chorus
"Star Spangled Banner," Key

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1944

RECEIPTS

General Cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1944	$31,106.96	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and accumulation	939.04	
County Treasurer, Dog license money refund	197.54	
Town Clerk, Dog license fees	200.60	
Franklin County District Court fines	236.80	
LaVernie C. Smith, Library fines	8.52	
Fred W. Hawkes, Library Fund interest	15.05	
Maxwell Library Fund interest	20.10	
Tyler Memorial House Rent	135.00	
Tyler Estate, Income	521.31	
All Alcoholic Licenses	700.00	
Licenses and Permits other than liquor	90.00	
Advertisements in Recorder-Gazette	6.00	
S. W. Hawkes, Cemetery Fund, care of lot	3.00	
F. M. Legate, Cemetery Fund, care of lot	4.00	
Potter Cemetery Fund, interest	20.00	
Stanton Kendrick, Sealer's Fees	21.68	
Town Hall rent, Red Cross	150.00	
Town Hall rent, School Office	100.00	
Town Hall rent, Entertainments	9.00	
Tax title, Sale of Mitchell lot	151.00	
Withholding Tax	1,751.20	
Sale of Davis Ore Shed and Office	75.00	
Walter Hunt, Garage rent, 1943	10.00	
Sale of Waste Paper	.75	
State Treasurer, Income Tax and Corporation Tax	6,142.80	
State Treasurer, Department of Agriculture and Disease Control	35.00	
State Treasurer, Meal Tax	372.35	
State Treasurer, Reimbursement of forest fire equipment	50.00	
State Treasurer, Reimbursement for loss of taxes	283.50	
State Treasurer, War Allowance	72.00	
State Treasurer, Charleton, Mass. Aid to Dependent Children, sent here by State error	345.25	
		$ 43,773.45

SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, School Fund, income year 1943	$ 4,568.49	
State Treasurer, Supt. of small towns	851.64	
State Treasurer, reimbursement for vocational education	39.48	
State Treasurer, High School tuition	1,000.00	
Town of Readsboro, Vt., High School Tuition	60.00	
Town of Florida, school tuition	81.50	

Town of Hawley, school tuition	1,572.20	
Town of Heath, school tuition	75.80	
Stephen Leonard, school fund interest	53.18	
W. E. Lane, Supt., sale of school supplies	.60	
Union Lodge, Water rent	10.00	
		$ 8,312.89

HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Public Works Division of Highways	$ 5,527.32	
State Treasurer, Distribution of Highway Fund 569 Acts, 1943	3,349.23	
State Treasurer, Chapter 90 Bridge Contract #9160	42,649.71	
County Treasurer, Chapter 90	250.00	
State Treasurer, Chapter 90	250.00	
		$ 52,026.26

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Town Equipment, snow roads and bridges	$ 1,007.75	
Town Equipment, Chapter 81	2,023.30	
Town Equipment, Chapter 90	12.15	
Town Equipment, Town of Hawley Roads	15.40	
Town Equipment, Town of Heath Roads	53.90	
Town Equipment, Berke-Moore Company	230.70	
		$ 3,343.20

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Boston and Maine Railroad, Services of Fire Dept.	$ 63.20	
Pete Myal, Check refund	1.00	
Town of Rowe	36.32	
		$ 100.52
		$157,039.45

TAXES

1938 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	$ 24.50	
1939 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	23.03	
1940 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	20.39	
1941 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	8.83	
1942 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	707.50	
1943 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	2,966.44	
1944 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	27,609.79	
1939 Motor Excise Taxes	4.00	
1940 Motor Excise Taxes	2.00	
1941 Motor Excise Taxes	15.09	
1943 Motor Excise Taxes	29.68	
1944 Motor Excise Taxes	1,058.31	
		$ 32,469.56

INTEREST

Tax Interest	$ 139.42	
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bond	70.16	
Treasurer's Deposit interest	75.28	
Surplus War Bonus Fund interest	18.87	
		$ 303.73

WELFARE

Town of Buckland, Soldier's Relief Reimbursement	$ 41.30	
State Treasurer, temporary aid and transportation	51.00	
State Treasurer, Support of Indigent Persons	112.00	
		$ 204.30

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer, State	$ 8,379.08	
State Treasurer, U. S. Grant	7,184.89	
State Treasurer, for cost of administration	239.44	
Town of Buckland, refund	169.94	
Town of Deerfield, refund	72.25	
Town of Colrain, refund	186.43	
Town of Monroe, refund	33.33	
Town of Heath, refund	91.40	
Town of Ashfield, refund	55.78	
City of Pittsfield, refund	13.00	
Returned Checks Refund	80.00	
		$ 16,505.54

PAYMENTS

Fifty-two Selectmen's Warrants	$105,564.89	
Twelve School Lists	22,527.99	
General Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1944	27,988.66	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	957.91	
		$157,039.45

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer.

TOWN FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER

December 31, 1944

The Maxwell Library Fund	$ 1,000.00	
Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund	1,000.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund	2,869.00	
The Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund	254.35	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund	211.17	
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund	161.14	
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund	1,219.33	
Post War Program Fund	1,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Bond and Accumulation	5,070.16	
		$13,785.15

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1944

Amount of Outstanding Taxes as of Jan. 8, 1945		
Levy of 1942	$ 174.05	
Levy of 1943	373.21	
Levy of 1944	2,543.45	
		$3,090.71
Motor Excise Taxes Outstanding Jan. 8, 1945		
Levy of 1940	$ 2.00	
Levy of 1942	2.00	
Levy of 1944	26.00	
		$ 30.00
Total amount of all outstanding taxes, as of Jan. 8, 1945		$3,120.71
Comparison—		
Total amount of all uncollected taxes as of Dec. 31, 1943, as per report of State Audit		$10,912.16

Repectfully submitted,

FRED O. BICKNELL,

Collector of Taxes.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1944	Name	Parents
Jan. 17	Robert Theron Taylor	Theron S. Taylor, Jr. Virginia J. Raymond, Taylor
Feb. 15	Karen Elisabeth Avery	Burton W. Avery Barbara M. Goodwin, Avery
Mar. 9	Richard Anthony Guerin	Holsey E. Guerin Mary Irene Lagoy
Apr. 5	Bernard Scott Gymer	George William Gymer Cora Coolbrith, Gymer
May 20	Ronald Albert Brown	Clifford Henry Brown Gladys L. Mulholland, Brown
May 27	Charlotte Emily Langevin	J. Harold Langevin Beda Louise Anderson, Langevin
June 17	Alvin Raymond Lamore	Alvin Herbert Lamore Desneige Nadeau, Lamore
June 30	James Francis Clement	John Edwin Clement Myrtle Coolbrith, Clement
Aug. 13	William Douglas Shaw	William L. Shaw Ethel I. Churchill, Shaw
Oct. 12	Gael Marson Wakefield	Charles W. Wakefield Lucille M. Turner, Wakefield
Oct. 16	Martha Rose Sherman	Elmer L. Sherman Mary Larry, Sherman
Oct. 26	Gary Wayne Raymond	Gerald T. Raymond Bessie P. Pierson, Raymond
Nov. 2	Robert Edward Bellows	Cecil G. Bellows Jessie E. Farren, Bellows
Nov. 17	Robert Harold Hubbard	Kenneth Malcolm Hubbard Agnes C. Carson, Hubbard
Nov. 29	Nina Joan Guerin	Alfred Lawrence Guerin Eldred Malott, Guerin
Dec. 20	Sandra Gail Albee	John Elliott Albee Isabella McHaffie, Albee

COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
12	10	12	14	16

MARRIAGES

1944	Name	Residence
Feb. 12—	Marshall Johnson	Charlemont, Mass.
	Grace Campbell	Colrain, Mass.
Feb. 21—	Rene R. A. St. Pierre	Hawley, Mass.
	Esther Gertrude Maynard	Charlemont, Mass.
June 17—	Bertram F. Shaw	Charlemont, Mass.
	Phyllis M. Coutu	Colrain, Mass.
June 25—	Ellsworth Stetson	Colrain, Mass.
	June E. Lanoue	Charlemont, Mass.
July 1—	Richard Elbert Shumway	Rowe, Mass.
	Janet Helen Rice	Port Chester, N. Y.
July 22—	Craig I. Lane	Greenfield, Mass.
	Mildred L. Lyman	Charlemont, Mass.
Aug. 26—	LeGrand H. Cook	Charlemont, Mass.
	Magdalene Tobin (Borgloh)	Charlemont, Mass.
Sept. 2—	Herbert E. Smith	Shelburne, Mass.
	Laura E. Witherell	Charlemont, Mass.
Dec. 2—	Leon E. Jepson	Charlemont, Mass.
	Emma A. Gould	Charlemont, Mass.

COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
12	13	15	6	9

DEATHS

1944	Name	Age Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 13—	Jennie Z. (Manter) Sears	80	9	6
Mar. 17—	Walter E. Lane	56	5	25
Apr. 10—	Freddie Deso	73	11	6
Apr. 19—	Richard A. Guerin	0	1	11
Apr. 24—	Wilford Harlow Wilson	78	0	5
Apr. 25—	Patrick John Murphy	80	4	21
Apr. 28	Mary Ann Lynde	73	11	4
July 23—	Albert R. Herzig	88	1	8
Aug. 30—	Frank Edward Murray	70	8	15
Sept. 26—	Patricia Ann Annear	13	6	15
Oct. 13—	Nellie L. (Baldwin) Avery	82	5	8
Oct. 28—	Edmond Droulette	88	1	27
Oct. 29—	Walter M. Pratt	88	5	10
Nov. 9—	Lottie M. (Woodward) Hitchcock	80	8	13
Dec. 9—	Joel Judson Marble	45	8	19
Dec. 15—	Reginald Graves	75	7	5

COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
23	15	11	11	16

91 DOG LICENSES ISSUED

1 KENNEL LICENSE

53 Male Dog Licenses at $2.00	$ 106.00	
34 Spayed Female Licenses at $2.00	68.00	
4 Female Licenses at $5.00	20.00	
1 Kennel License at $25.00	25.00	
		$ 219.00
Paid Town Treasurer	$ 200.00	
Fees Retained	18.40	
		$ 219.00

245 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

3 DUPLICATE LICENSES

13 Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses to persons seventy or more years old	Free	
14 Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Licenses	Free	
2 Resident Citizens' Old Age Assistance Fishing Licenses	Free	
30 Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $2.00		$ 60.00
56 Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $2.00		112.00
69 Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at $3.25		224.25
28 Resident Citizen Women's and Minor's Fishing Licenses at $1.25		35.00
4 Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses at $5.25		21.00
22 Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses at $1.50		33.00
3 Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $5.25		15.75
2 Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at 10.25		20.50
2 Non-Resident Military or Naval Service Sporting Licenses at $2.00		4.00
3 Duplicate Licenses at $ .50		1.50
		$ 527.00
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	$ 473.00	
Fees retained	54.00	
		$ 527.00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF CHARLEMONT ASSESSORS, 1944

	Personal Estate	Real Estate
Adams, Mrs. Dorothy	$ 100.00	$1,350.00
Adams, Glenn		300.00
Adams, Eva M.		900.00
Adams, N. Eugene	425.00	
Adler, Carl	150.00	
Adler, Pearl T.		950.00
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B.		300.00
Albee, John E.		400.00
Anderson, Mrs. Anders	100.00	700.00
Anderson, Esther T.		300.00
Anderson, Raymond		400.00
Andrews, Mrs. Bertha M.		575.00
Andrews, Carl	85.00	
Andrews, Warren & Irene	75.00	300.00
Angelli, Augusto	185.00	1,800.00
Angelli, Charles	425.00	2,450.00
Aldrich, Allie C.		1,800.00
Annear, Cyrus C.	250.00	1,850.00
Ashton, Francis E.		700.00
Atkins, Ralph B. & Doris E.		900.00
Avery, Burton W.		5,450.00
Avery, Mabel J.		50.00
Avery, Francis W.	725.00	1,535.00
Avery, Nellie J. & Francis W.		4,785.00
Avery, Henry L.		8,450.00
Avery, A. L. & Son	8,540.00	
Avery, Oscar C.		11,900.00
Ahola, Weino		600.00
Ballard, Ruth K.	420.00	3,875.00
Bardwell, Harry		3,630.00
Barnes, Benjamin J.		3,000.00
Barnes, Daniel D.		400.00
Bemis, Harry		7,300.00
Bicknell, Fred O.		5,750.00
Blodgett, Harold D.		1,150.00
Booth, William H.		550.00
Booth, Robert	50.00	150.00
Bolton, George L.		2,100.00
Boston & Maine R. R.		7,000.00
Baxter, Charles M.	125.00	455.00
Bremer, Ruth M.		1,180.00
Bremer, H. J.	500.00	

Brown, Fred C.	125.00	3,150.00
Boullie, Wm. J. & Anna T.		2,000.00
Burt, Harold A. & Marie		1,125.00
Burt, William R.	1,213.00	1,375.00
Burdett, Alfred E.	25.00	
Burnett, W. L.	283.00	1,385.00
Burrington, Anna M.		700.00
Breneman, William & Olga	95.00	600.00
Bliss, Edna L.		1,280.00
Canedy, Floyd M. & Belle		3,300.00
Canedy, Jennie		3,000.00
Canedy, Rosa A.		1,700.00
Carpenter, Mary L.		2,250.00
Cassidy, George E.	150.00	1,500.00
Cetto, Enrico	60.00	1,300.00
Charlemont Wood Products Co.	150.00	6,550.00
Charles, Frederick A.	200.00	
Churchill, Charles S.		2,150.00
Churchill, M. H.		150.00
Churchill, Helen W.		1,500.00
Churchill, Leon	150.00	
Clark, Inez T.		3,180.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret		400.00
Clark, Mrs. Cora		5,200.00
Cook, Helen H.		1,900.00
Cooley, Olive A.		1,700.00
Cope, Alfred E.	455.00	2,070.00
Conley, Fred J.	1,340.00	7,060.00
Converse, Nellie F. & Edward G.		5,100.00
Creek, Floyd B. & Flora E.	250.00	5,750.00
Crocker, Jennie M.		700.00
Davenport, Albert		700.00
Davenport, Hattie M.		675.00
Davenport, Carlton P.		400.00
Davenport, Louis A.		250.00
Davenport, William A.		400.00
Dennis, Lot & Rowe, Frederick F.		4,150.00
Dickinson, Alice G.	165.00	1,800.00
Dickinson, Richard		250.00
Dickinson, Edgar G.		240.00
Dimick, John	50.00	835.00
Earl, Ralph		1,200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E.	400.00	200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S.		1,075.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S.		1,000.00

Eagan, John & Alice V.		2,475.00
Fife, Sanford	150.00	5,600.00
Fisk, Roscoe R.	1,300.00	5,020.00
First National Stores	40.00	
Flanders, Luther E.		1,250.00
Fleury, Mrs. Annie		1,755.00
Ford, Arthur		4,700.00
Ford, Walter H.	550.00	7,675.00
Foliated Talc Co.		200.00
Frary, Eliza N.		2,500.00
Fuller, Alice M.		1,200.00
Gilbert, Charles	150.00	
Gilbert, Clifford J.	100.00	50.00
Gilbert, Edward	150.00	3,150.00
Gibson, Herbert & Constance V.		2,500.00
Gingras, Alfred	1,000.00	7,650.00
Gould, Arden D.		2,300.00
Gould, George K.	100.00	
Gould, Grace C.		3,800.00
Gould, Syril G.	500.00	
Graf, Edward P. & Mary A.		2,225.00
Greenfield Savings Bank		3,000.00
Grover, Albina		3,650.00
Grover, Joseph	325.00	
Graham, Mrs. Maria		1,500.00
Harris, Ethel M.		630.00
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E.	1,500.00	2,500.00
Harris, Herman F.	552.00	650.00
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G.		1,125.00
Harris, Irvin J.	250.00	650.00
Harris, Ralph E., Est.		100.00
Harris, Herbert R.	680.00	1,300.00
Hager, O. J.		2,200.00
Hager, Verne	572.00	
Heist, Claude W.		1,400.00
Heist, Hannah M.		2,380.00
Heist, Paul E.	110.00	880.00
Healy, Winston	1,210.00	3,450.00
Healy, J. J.	1,010.00	24,090.00
Hawkes, Harry F.	950.00	6,150.00
Hawkes, Norman		5,070.00
Haskins, Arthur	300.00	
Hawkes, Arthur L.	850.00	5,965.00
Hawkes, Maria, Estate		1,400.00
Hallehan, William E.	1,500.00	2,955.00
Harmon, James B.		2,100.00
Harwood, Fannie E.		2,650.00

Harwood, Clarence R.	25.00	
Harrington, Henry L.		1,400.00
Hathaway, Arthur	80.00	1,300.00
Hartwell, Ernest		2,100.00
Hicks, Ray C.	1,580.00	1,865.00
Hicks, Roy A.	1,085.00	2,175.00
Hicks, Victoria H.		3,300.00
Hunkler, Frank R.		1,570.00
Hunkler, Lawrence		750.00
Hunt, Blanche L.		1,800.00
Henderson, Walter A. & Lenabel H.		1,800.00
Irving, Lawrence & Selma		100.00
Jenkins, Howard & Beulah	500.00	1,750.00
Joy, Jesse	235.00	
Johnson, Frank L. & Son	790.00	3,895.00
King, Mrs. Grace		7,550.00
Kendrick, Mrs. Amy T.	765.00	3,570.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,400.00	18,075.00
Kirchleckner, Frank	315.00	465.00
Kork, Antone, heirs or devisees		350.00
Kratt, Arthur L.	30.00	
Lanoue, D. Ambrose	150.00	2,320.00
Lanoue, Dolphis A. & Eva M.		7,600.00
Lees, Minnie W.		850.00
Lively, Ernest E.		2,000.00
Lively, Arthur	360.00	1,700.00
Lively, Levi		3,500.00
Legate, Annie S.		450.00
Legate, Ida L.		4,200.00
Legate, Harry F.		2,600.00
Leazer, William		800.00
Leland, Harold A.		2,100.00
Leland, Samuel B.	190.00	845.00
Liese, Jessie E.		4,720.00
Lilly, Mrs. Sarah		1,000.00
Lincoln, Lulu D.		2,400.00
Lawless, Arthur		2,800.00
Lyman, Frank O.	365.00	
Lyman, Geraldine H.		4,650.00
Lemay, Israel	225.00	1,800.00
Lemore, Herbert	380.00	
Malcolm, David J.		4,000.00
Marcy, Mary S.		400.00
Mathews, Dr. W. C.	100.00	
Mayer, Joseph	375.00	
Merrill, Roy S.		3,000.00
Merrill, Philip		1,400.00

Miller, Helen W.	300.00	2,150.00
Mathys, George L.	125.00	1,300.00
Murtha, Francis P.		560.00
Moors, Ethel P.		700.00
Moriarty, John L.	500.00	1,700.00
Murray, Frank E.	135.00	2,565.00
Murphy, John P.		900.00
Martin, Edward P.		1,700.00
MacLean, Harold W.	400.00	
Maynard, Earl O.		1,500.00
McHaffie, John W.	100.00	900.00
McKenna, Theresa A.		5,000.00
Newton, Evans K.		790.00
Newton, Myron C.	75.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	16,050.00	
New England Power Co.	7,240.00	62,900.00
New England Box Co.		5,635.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	25,000.00	
Oakes, Daniel M.		100.00
Oakes, Mrs. Edith L.		1,300.00
Osborne, Mrs. Lucy		4,300.00
Payne, Ernest W.	175.00	4,600.00
Pitman, Mrs. Eloise M.		2,260.00
Pease, Erwin A. & Ethel M.		1,050.00
Perdinis, O. S. & Son		300.00
Perry, Mrs. Elsie		150.00
Phillips, Mrs. Henry H.	510.00	2,100.00
Pierson, William D.	2,780.00	6,355.00
Pike, Alfred W. & Alice K.		3,900.00
Pike, Frank & Alley, Maud S.		3,520.00
Pike, Frank	83.00	
Pleshaw, Charles D.		1,150.00
Potter, Mrs. Elizabeth C.		15,080.00
Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	350.00	10,175.00
Pratt, Clement L.		150.00
Pratt, Walter M.		1,900.00
Purinton, Harry	175.00	
Purinton, Albert T.	490.00	1,350.00
Purinton, Richard G. & Myrtle L.		1,900.00
Purrington, Gordon		600.00
Purrington, George R. & Agnes C.		160.00
Pitman, Lawrence M.	125.00	
Riddell, Hugh	690.00	
Rice, Mrs. Alice		750.00
Rice, Aubrey L. & Amelia A.	515.00	3,900.00
Rice, William C.	50.00	2,350.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F.		1,600.00

Richmond, Burke	140.00	2,290.00
Rivers, Rena M.		3,600.00
Richardson, Lester R.		200.00
Rowell, John A.	500.00	9,500.00
Russell, Florence R.	150.00	5,700.00
Ryan, Helena T.		1,150.00
Sampson, Albert T.	350.00	3,950.00
Sandri, A. R.		2,450.00
Sears, Clarence	75.00	
Sears, Edwin W.	300.00	3,800.00
Sears, Mrs. Jennie Z.		25.00
Sears, Mabel V.		2,640.00
Shaw, Virginia P.		400.00
Shaw, Lincoln H.		340.00
Shaw, Marlyn R.		500.00
Shaw, Mrs. A. E.		3,250.00
Shaw, Ballard G. & Ella		6,300.00
Sherman, Homer		200.00
Sherman, James M.	210.00	580.00
Sherman, James M., Jr.		200.00
Sherman, Cecil		250.00
Sherman, Elmer L.	50.00	1,030.00
Simmons, Mary	200.00	250.00
Simmons, Arthur & Clara		1,000.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E.	1,350.00	2,360.00
Smart, Fred A.		3,600.00
Smith, Walter H. & Lavernie C.		1,250.00
Smith, Walter H.	25.00	
Smith, Elizabeth		2,700.00
Smith, Herbert E.		1,700.00
Smith, George E. & Violet		3,975.00
Spear, Elbert F.		3,450.00
Stanford, Henry	125.00	
Stafford, Chauncy K.	2,640.00	2,800.00
Stafford, Frank E.	75.00	3,000.00
Stacy, Helen B.		200.00
Stacy, Charles	65.00	
Sykes, Robert R.		150.00
Shultz, Harold & Dorothy		1,950.00
Starr, Nellie		600.00
Stark, William	75.00	
Streeter, Charles E.	115.00	2,800.00
Sullivan, Wilhelmina	550.00	6,600.00
Snow ,Eva V., et al		200.00
Snead, Hunter & Marjorie T.		3,000.00
Taylor, Archie F.	240.00	350.00

Taylor, Hattie S.		1,440.00
Taylor, Theron S.		3,900.00
Temple, John B.		300.00
Thompson, Mrs. Jane		2,700.00
Turner, Dora E.		3,000.00
Turner, Christine		9,150.00
Turner, William C.		1,900.00
Tarvin, James E. & Lena W.		4,500.00
Tinney, Floyd O.	125.00	1,050.00
Tinney, Lawrence S.	90.00	150.00
Tinney, Irvin J.		1,250.00
Thayer, Fordyce A.	1,275.00	4,280.00
Tower, Edgar D.	470.00	
Tower, Candace M.		5,330.00
Tower, Mabel A.		3,300.00
Tullis, Nellie J.		100.00
Teahan, Roecoe W.		1,400.00
Truesdell, Clarence	100.00	
Trustees Congregational Society		650.00
Trustees Methodist Society		2,000.00
Trustees I. O. O. F.		3,500.00
Trustees I. O. O. M.		2,000.00
Trustees Leavitt Cemetery		300.00
Underwood, George		100.00
VanNostrand, H. L.		2,700.00
Varnum, Chester		1,220.00
Veber, Gilbert L.		900.00
Vincent, Louis A.	440.00	2,350.00
Vincent, Leslie F.	300.00	
Vittorossi, Julio	45.00	
Vosburg, Claude	200.00	2,275.00
Valentine, Traversa	32.00	
Warfield, Horace E.	950.00	9,375.00
Warner, Fred		3,400.00
Warriner, Bertha M.		800.00
Western Union Tel. Co.	3,700.00	
Western N. E. Tel. Co.	5,400.00	3,100.00
Wells, Frank J.	4,100.00	10,850.00
Wheeler, Daniel G.	220.00	2,275.00
White, Harold T.		60.00
Whittaker, Ernest	110.00	
Wilbur, Stephen	165.00	1,700.00
Willey, Chester H.	9,275.00	16,360.00
Wilson, Ester G.		2,800.00
Willard, James R.	800.00	4,025.00
William Bros.	700.00	
Wales, Doris E.		950.00

Walsh, Mary E.		1,100.00
Wells, Alice L.		2,500.00
Wojtkowski, Mrs. Viola	150.00	500.00
Young, Florence		2,830.00

Number of Polls Assessed	260
Number of Horses Assessed	80
Number of Cows Assessed	309
Number of Cattle Assessed (other than cows)	123
Number of Sheep Assessed	6
Number of Swine Assessed	10
Number of Goats Assessed	7
Number of Fowl Assessed	6,915
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	250
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,082
Assessed Value of Personal Estate	$133,250
Assessed Value of Real Estate	$772,395
Total Valuation	$905,645
Tax Rate	$33 per 1,000
Number of Excise Commitments	7
Number of Motor Vehicles	296
Value of Motor Vehicles	$31,890
Excise	$1,107.82

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST W. PAYNE

WINIFRED E. SPEAR

FRANCIS W. AVERY

Assessors.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To either constable of the Town of Charlemont in the County of Franklin: Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are herby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the fifth day of February next, at 12 o'clock.

Clerk for one year
Treasurer for one year
Selectman for three years
Assessor for three years
School Committee member for three years
Library Trustee for three years
Tax Collector for one year
Auditor for one year
Tree Warden for one year
Three Constables for one year
Park Commissioner for three years

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the fifth day of February next, at Eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To act on the report of the Town officers.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee or take any action thereon:

$ 7,833.00	for Chapter 81 Highways
1,000.00	for Chapter 90 Highways
4,000.00	for Snow Roads and Bridges
10,000.00	for Old Age Assistance
1,500.00	for Welfare
250.00	for Soldiers' Benefits
250.00	for War Allowance World War II
250.00	for Aid to Dependent Children

1,062.00	for	Street Lights
324.20	for	Town Property Insurance
250.00	for	Workmen's Compensation Insurance
1,200.00	for	Town Hall
1,000.00	for	Fire Dept. and Forest Fire Patrol
3,250.00	for	Officers' Salaries
450.00	for	Board of Health
600.00	for	Red Cross Nursing Service
600.00	for	Doctor's Salary
150.00	for	Legion Rooms
50.00	for	Memorial Day
75.00	for	Christmas Fund
110.00	for	Bonding Town Officers
25.00	for	Old Cemeteries
200.00	for	Gypsy Moth Suppression
25.00	for	Interest
300.00	for	Library
180.00	for	Tyler Library (from invested funds)
1,250.00	for	Reserve Fund (from overlay reserve)
1,250.00	for	Miscellaneous
1,100.00	for	Bridge Note and Interest
25,185.00	for	Schools
25.00	for	Honor Roll
75.00	for	War Price and Rationing Board

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $3,000.00 for the 1945 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will transfer from the Machinery Fund the sum of $499.95 to pay an overdraft on the 1944 Machinery Account or take any action thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will transfer from the Machinery Fund the sum of $92.26 to pay bills now due on the 1944 Machinery Account or take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from cash in the Treasury the sum of $3,000.00 said sum to be used by the Board of Assessors, to reduce the tax levy for the year 1945, or take any action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise the salary of the Town Treasurer the sum of $100.00 per year or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the installation and light-

ing of the Honor Roll for one year or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install street lights on North St. (Rice's Mill) or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00, Charlemont's proportionate share for administrative expenses, toward a fund for the Rehabilitation of Veterans, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction the town property known as "Community Park".

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $1,000.00 as a Post War Program, said sum to be used in conjunction with State and Federal funds when available, or take any action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to defray any expense connected with Tax Titles, or take any action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a boiler room for the Fire House to conform with the State Fire laws or take any action thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant posting attested copies thereof one each at the Village Postoffice and East Charlemont Church, seven days at least before the date of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five.

CHARLES E. STREETER,

FRANK J. WELLS,

HORACE E. WARFIELD,

Selectmen of Charlemont.

Notice:—This warrant appears as a matter of information only, and the regular annual meeting warrant may include alterations and additions.

E. A. Hall & Co.
GREENFIELD, MASS.

Oscar C. Avery
Charlemont
Mass.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTIETH YEAR

DEERFIELD RIVER BRIDGE

BUILT IN 1944

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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

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GREENFIELD, MASS.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1945

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FRANK J. WELLS
Term expires 1945

HORACE E. WARFIELD
Term expires 1946

CHARLES E. STREETER
Term expires 1947

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FRANK J. WELLS, Chairman
HORACE E. WARFIELD
CHARLES E. STREETER
PHYLLIS L. HEIST, Agent

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

WINIFRED E. SPEAR
Term expires 1945

FRANCIS W. AVERY, Chairman
Term expires 1946

ERNEST W. PAYNE
Term expires 1947

BOARD OF HEALTH

FRANK J. WELLS, Chairman
FLOYD B. CREEK
WILLIAM C. TURNER
DR. GEORGE K. GOULD, Agent

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FLOYD B. CREEK, Chairman
Term expires 1946

MARGARET L. HEALY
Term expires 1945

VERENA P. TAYLOR
Term expires 1947

Alfred R. Kenyon, Superintendent of Schools

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

MARY E. WARNER, Chairman
Term expires 1945

DANIEL WHEELER
Term expires 1946

GRACE C. GOULD
Term expires 1947

LaVERNIE C. SMITH, Librarian

CLERK

MARY L. CARPENTER

TAX COLLECTOR

FRED O. BICKNELL

TREASURER
MARY L. CARPENTER

PARK COMMISSION

HARRY LEGATE, Chairman
Term expires 1945

AVIS M. CHURCHILL
Term expires 1946

WILLIAM R. BURT
Term expires 1947

AUDITOR
HARRY LEGATE

TREE WARDEN
CHARLES CHURCHILL

CONSTABLES
FRED O. BICKNELL
WALTER HENDERSON
ALBERT SAMPSON

FIRE CHIEF and FOREST FIRE WARDEN
FRANK J. WELLS

SEALER OF WEIGHTS
STANTON KENDERICK

CLERK OF TOWN OFFICERS
PHYLLIS L. HEIST

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT
MAURICE T. THOMPSON

PHYSICIAN
DR. GEORGE K. GOULD

RED CROSS NURSE
LUCIE E. PETERSON, R. N.

DOG OFFICER
WALTER HENDERSON

MILK INSPECTOR
PAUL DONEILO

SUPERINTENDENT, GYPSY MOTH
ROY HICKS

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
FREDERICK WARNER

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
CHARLES E. STREETER

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING
CHARLES E. STREETER
ERNEST W. PAYNE

FENCE VIEWERS

MARSHALL JOHNSON HARRY HAWKES
ALBERT SAMPSON

FIELD DRIVERS AND POUND KEEPERS

MARSHALL JOHNSON WARREN ANDREWS

WEIGHERS

HARRY LEGATE THERON S. TAYLOR

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

WILLIAM C. TURNER HERMAN HARRIS

MEASURERS OF LUMBER

WILLIAM C. TURNER HERMAN HARRIS
DANIEL OAKES CHARLES S. CHURCHILL

BURIAL AGENT

HORACE E. WARFIELD

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

How happy we are to welcome boys back from World War II. Charlemont should be very proud of the fine group of seventy boys who entered the service from this town. May they find their home town all that they hoped it would be and may we strive to make Charlemont a place in which they will want to live.

Before submitting the activities of the past year a comparison of some of the previous years on a few of the accounts might be of interest.

	Welfare	Highways and Bridges	Schools
1875	$ 1,083.44	$ 1,132.00	$ 2,565.41
1890	583.20	1,475.76	1,172.78
1895	821.90	1,062.37	2,616.19
1900	1,015.87	*6,847.33	3,801.12
1905	906.90	1,484.37	4.853.09
1910	486.05	1,656.02	**6,281.07
1915	795.13	2,964.40	8,185.67
1920	1,687.39	3,618.79	12,439.38
1925	350.99	***6,140.20	19,882.52
1930	3,728.77	6,175.00	19,992.18
1935	995.37	5,950.00	20,499.55
1940	****5,495.37	6,834.74	22,199.55
1945	****11,035.28	6,489.48	25,184.58

*Includes bridge near fire house
**Includes CHS and aid from State and Towns
***Includes Chapter 81 and 90
****Includes Old Age Assistance

	Polls	Horses	Cattle	Sheep	Houses	Total Valuation	Rate per $1000.
1927	290	173	528	114	250	$1,113,190.00	$22.00
1930	275	124	531	124	252	1,018,493.00	23.80
1935	319	96	580	72	246	985,402.00	24.00
1940	258	71	478	27	248	1,023,552.00	29.00
1945	232	72	459	10	250	906,442.00	39.00

Highways

This year, as for the past three, due to War Emergency ruling, there was no money available for new construction.

Early in the spring the Selectmen and Road Superintendents for the towns of Heath, Hawley, Rowe and Charle-

mont mutually agreed to exchange road work as far as oiling and gravelling. The plan worked very satisfactorily. In this town the oiling was done early in the summer and approximately 37,760 yards of gravel was distributed over the various roads. Legate Hill road as well as North River road were widened and the ditches lowered which adds materially for winter ploughing and also drainage. As soon as material and money are available it is our desire to treat with oil all of the roads. Next year will see Chapter 81 and 90 money for construction as well as maintenance.

We were advised at the Chapter 90 hearing, held in Greenfield, that the credit balance which is carried under Chapter 90 Bridge, (the new bridge across the Deerfield River) would be settled as soon as the State receives the balance due them from the County. We expected to purchase snow fence and railing material this year but were unable to do so, therefore a credit balance of over $1,000.00 exists under Snow Roads and Bridges.

We have asked the State and County to contribute toward cement decks for three of our flood bridges, two on South River Road and one off the Jacksonville Stage Road to Harris Mountain.

We think you will like the new street signs that have been erected at some of the intersections, and in a short time all of the streets will have suitable markings.

Machinery

Our equipment is in very good condition considering the service it has had. A good deal of credit is due the superintendent and drivers for the care given. One of the trucks should be exchanged for new in the near future.

Our trucks were sent to the towns of Leyden and Shelburne to help with their oiling and they greatly appreciated our service.

The town should consider building a suitable structure to house our equipment when material and help are available.

Old Age Assistance and Welfare

Over a period of three years our case load on Old Age Assistance has been reduced from 55 to 40 cases and at present writing there are 29 cases in town and 5 in other towns.

New rulings on exemptions and budgets will increase this account proportionately.

The general public does not realize the details involved in all welfare work and our agent, Mrs. Heist should be commended for her fine endeavors.

Veterans Service Center

The surrounding towns started early in this work and voted Shelburne Falls as the center, with Robert Scott, a very able agent, to represent us. This office has aided the returning veterans with their problems and gave the necessary advice that would have been almost impossible for individual towns. Each town is represented at the several meetings so that all are in close touch with the work as it progresses. All towns are assessed in respect to their valuation. The money expended next year will not be set up as an account but will be disbursed by our treasurer, the amount reported to the assessors, and shown on the State Auditor's Balance Sheet.

Town Hall

A new oil burner in the new furnace has added much comfort to those who use the lower floors in the hall.

The furnace for the auditorium is old and repairs are not available but in the near future a replacement would be in order.

The Town Clock is on a "Strike" only it doesn't. A certain man was in the habit of staying out late nights and on his arrival home was always asked by his wife "what time is it?" He always replied "half-past". That is the way with the clock, "it's half-past". We hope in the near future to have it repaired.

Fire House

As voted last year a boiler room has been added to the Fire House. A new boiler and oil burner installed so that janitor service there as well as at the Town Hall has been greatly reduced. A two inch copper water pipe has been connected to the main line and now ample heat and water have been installed.

General

This was the year to preambulate the town lines, which we did and found them all in good condition. It is very interesting at the corners to see the various initials and dates scribed on the nearby trees.

Charlemont placed second and received honorable mention for the 1944 Town Report, at the Selectmen's Meeting held in Boston.

Again, as in the past, the Selectmen appreciate the fine cooperation received from the townspeople and from the various State and County Departments.

FRANK J. WELLS,
HORACE E. WARFIELD,
CHARLES E. STREETER,
Selectmen.

ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUND

Roads	*Dragging Scraping*	*Drainage*	*Brush*	*Gravel*	*Patch Bituminous*	*Tar Surface Treatment*	*Slides*	*Widening*	*Total*
Zoar	$ 35.77	$ 36.05	$ 62.97	$	$ 203.31	$ 10.50	$ 28.00	$	$ 376.60
North Heath	.....	34.20	25.01	.....	98.24	448.58	.....	.....	608.03
Vincent	12.85	2.50	.....	3.62	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.97
Warner Hill	82.90	39.40	4.10	171.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	298.00
Burrington	37.75	25.80	52.83	126.70	.....	.....	.....	23.70	266.78
Center Heath	.....	12.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.40
Mountain	110.60	150.55	27.67	157.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	446.27
South Heath	11.65	4.70	5.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.55
Maxwell	62.70	48.80	12.77	55.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	179.27
Hicks	11.30	40.30	.....	82.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	134.25
Legate Hill	148.67	96.80	22.77	803.75	73.25	97.30	5.00	344.45	1,591.99
Laurel Lane	4.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.70
Potter	.....	25.60	.....	.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.20
Tower	35.12	.....	.....	.....	8.60	48.85	.....	.....	92.57
Ledge Lane	8.98	.....	.....	20.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	29.38
Todd Mountain	.....	5.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.20
Cold River	8.98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.98
West Hawley	.....	118.00	15.00	.....	29.92	7.20	16.76	.....	186.88
Chickley	4.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60
South River	129.38	123.25	41.60	373.60	12.90	194.30	4.19	.....	879.22
Dodge Corner	.....	2.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.70
East Hawley	.....	.....	10.22	.....	17.20	.....	.....	.....	27.42
Warfield	.....	.....	10.00	.....	113.92	128.12	.....	.....	252.04
Colonial Hill	4.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60

Riddell	15.25	5.05	5.80	.....	12.75	.....	.....	.....	38.85
High St.	.....	10.30	.....	.....	14.95	.....	.....	.....	25.25
Heath	123.45	132.60	3.87	280.20	64.63	144.46	.....	35.50	784.71
Burnt Hill	36.50	8.55	10.00	98.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	153.75
West Ox Bow	99.10	12.60	13.90	37.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	163.30
East Ox Bow	25.90	11.60	6.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.80
River View	6.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.80
North River	76.90	14.00	5.35	209.25	.....	.....	.....	79.05	384.55
Colrain	5.00	2.20	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.70
Johnson	5.00	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50
South St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.10	.....	.....	.....	9.10
East Harmony	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.25	.....	.....	.....	13.25
North St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.75	78.06	.....	.....	90.81
Academy	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.10	.....	.....	.....	9.10
Elm St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.10	.....	.....	.....	9.10
Harmony Ave.	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.10	67.72	.....	.....	76.82
Rice Fort	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.25	67.72	.....	.....	80.97
Park St.	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Factory	.....	.....	.....	5.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.10
School	4.15	.....	.....	55.74	9.10	67.72	.....	.....	136.71
Hawks	5.00	.....	.....	21.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	26.15
Rowe Rd. Branch	.....	9.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.40
Maple Terrace	16.25	5.00	.....	75.35	.....	130.50	.....	.....	227.10
Windy Hill	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Street Signs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84.50
									$7,882.92

MACHINERY EARNINGS

	Chapt. 81	*Chapt.* 90	*S.R.&Brs.*	*Mach.*	*Fire H.*	*Tn.Hawley*	*Tn.Heath*	*Tn.Leyden*	*Tn.Rowe*	*Tn.Shel.*	*Total*
Pickup	$ 42.00	$ 1.80	$ 25.00	$ .80	$ 2.00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 71.60
Truck No. 2	468.60	23.10	262.90	.....	13.20	17.70	42.05	10.55	189.75	.....	1,027.85
Truck No. 3	343.20	16.50	143.00	.....	3.30	17.70	42.05	10.55	189.75	12.15	778.20
T-20 Tractor	.....	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00
T-35 Tractor	.....	.....	388.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.50	.....	405.00
Plow No. 2	.....	.....	84.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84.00
Plow No. 3	.....	.....	77.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77.00
T-20 Plow	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00
T-35 Plow	.....	.....	129.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.50	.....	134.50
Farmall Tractor	304.50	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	309.00
Bulldozer	272.50	.....	55.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	327.50
Sander	4.35	3.00	2.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.50
Grader	51.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.25
Rake	4.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.80
Maintainer	5.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.50
	$1,496.60	$ 48.90	$1,566.65	$ .80	$ 18.50	$ 35.40	$ 84.10	$ 21.10	$ 401.50	$ 12.15	$3,685.70

CHAPTER 81, MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriate Share	$1,958.00	
State Contract	5,875.00	
Transferred reserve	49.92	
Superintendent		$ 761.40
Labor		2,289.45
Town Equipment		1,496.60
Hired Equipment		1,456.25
Gravel and Sand		377.60
Oil and Tar		1,179.27
New England Metal Culvert Co.		262.91
Miscellaneous supplies		59.44
	$7,882.92	$7,882.92

CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriate Share	$ 500.00	
State Contract	125.00	
County Contract	375.00	
Labor		109.35
Superintendent		$ 12.60
Town Equipment		48.90
Hired Equipment		94.68
Oil and Tar		717.07
Sand		17.40
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

CHAPTER 90 BRIDGE

Credit balance from 1944	$14,820.54	
Berke-Moore, labor and supplies		$6,740.60
Bethlehem Steel, structural steel		2,021.11
E. L. Conwell, cement test		18.20
Credit balance		6,040.63
	$14,820.54	$14,820.54

SNOW ROADS AND BRIDGES

Town Appropriation	$5,000.00	
Superintendent		$ 711.00
Labor		1,442,40
Town Equipment		1,566.65
Hired Equipment		50.75
Supplies, salt, cement, sand, lumber, etc.		160.76
Stanton Kendrick, damage claim		50.00
Credit balance		1,018.44
	$5,000.00	$5,000.00

MACHINERY

Town Appropriation	$3,000.00	
Transferred from Machinery Fund	92.26	
Superintendent		$ 314.10
Labor		512.20
Town Equipment		.80
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline		716.14
Christine Turner, rent		300.00
No. Berkshire Gas Co., lights		12.14
C. H. Willey, labor and supplies		333.74
Frank J. Wells, supplies		24.85
Heil Co., supplies		6.28
Harry Purinton, supplies		48.65
Howard Jenkins, labor and supplies		269.29
A. F. Gingras, labor and Supplies		205.40
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., oils		67.56
Registry of Motor Vehicles		12.00
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		2.33
Blackhawk Oil Co., oils		2.74
International Harvester Co., supplies		60.94
F. W. Hance, supplies		4.50
Miscellaneous supplies		8.04
Credit balance		190.56
	$3,092.26	$3,092.26

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST PATROL

Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
H. A. Hicks Ins. Co., Insurance for Foremen		$ 125.45
Frank J. Wells, supplies		.20
James R. Shea, supplies		62.00
D. A. Lanoue, labor and supplies		43.18
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., fuel		64.71
Ellsworth Service Station, fuel		17.64
American La-France, supplies		4.74
Northern Berkshire Gas Co., lights		16.34
Howard Jenkins, labor and supplies		69.65
S. G. Gould, labor and supplies		192.50
Labor payroll		174.25
Buffalo Fire Appliance Corp., supplies		2.05
Town of Greenfield, supplies		37.50
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		.91
Herman Harris, supplies		7.50
Eureka Fire Hose Co., hose		135.20
Credit balance		46.18
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

FIRE HOUSE

Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
Transferred reserve	271.92	
Superintendent		$ 93.60
Labor		167.05
Carpenters (2)		331.25
S. G. Gould, supplies		360.00
Herman Harris, supplies		5.20
M. Siano, cement blocks		65.92
Franklin Lumber Co., supplies		25.61
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., cement		52.02
Aubrey Rice, lumber		81.08
Frank J. Wells, supplies		13.66
Miscellaneous supplies		54.53
Town Equipment		18.50
Hired Equipment		3.50
	$1,271.92	$1,271.92

WELFARE

Town Appropriation	$1,500.00	
5 Cases		$1,032.28
Boston Council of Social Agencies		3.00
Credit balance		464.72
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	$10,000.00	
Transferred reserve	27.79	
Federal Grants for 1945	6,258.49	
40 Cases		$16,286.28
	$16,286.28	$16286.28

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Federal Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1945	$ 259.46	
Federal Grants during 1945	208.56	
Phyllis L. Heist, Agent salary and clerical		$ 176.24
Phyllis L. Heist, transportation		25.00
Supplies and Registered Mail		55.05
Bureau of Census		3.00
Balance carried to 1946 account		208.73
	$ 468.02	$ 468.02

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Credit balance		$ 250.00
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
1 Case		$ 60.00
Credit balance		190.00
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

WORLD WAR II ALLOWANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Credit balance		$ 250.00
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Appropriation	$ 450.00	
Dr. Nadas, Well Child Conference		$ 50.00
Franklin Co. Chapt. Am. Red Cross, dental		37.00
Dr. Taylor, examinations		10.00
Joseph Schaff, frames and lenses		12.00
Credit balance		341.00
	$ 450.00	$ 450.00

TOWN HALL

Town Appropriation	$1,200.00	
Janitors (2)		$ 342.53
Ellsworth Service Station, fuel		138.56
Northern Berkshire Gas Co., lights		78.44
S. G. Gould, burner, supplies and labor		377.72
H. J. Gould, clock repair		5.00
Frank J. Wells, supplies and water rent		19.08
Commissioner of Public Safety, boiler insp.		5.00
Herman Harris, lawn mower repair		1.50
William Starks, labor		17.65
Labor payrolls (2)		53.25
D. A. Lanoue, labor		1.75
Miscellaneous expense		9.49
Credit balance		150.03
	$1,200.00	$1,200.00

LIBRARY

Town Appropriation	$ 300.00	
Interest on Trust Funds	35.15	
LaVerne C. Smith, salary		$ 200.00
Mayfair Agency, subscriptions		24.80
H. R. Huntting Co., supplies		69.74
National Geographic Society, subscription		3.50
Credit balance		37.11
	$ 335.15	$ 335.15

TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town Appropriation	$ 180.00	
Ambrose Lanoue, labor		$ 11.00
S. G. Gould, labor and supplies		5.10
Frank J. Wells, supplies		11.00
Mrs. J. Ellsworth, labor		20.00
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		6.33
Leslie Dunlop, labor		3.00
Supplies		30.59
Credit balance		92.98
	$ 180.00	$ 180.00

TYLER MEMORIAL FUND

Franklin Savings Institution		$ 72.87

WAR PRICE AND RATION BOARD

Town Appropriation	$ 75.00	
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.		$ 67.47
Supplies		5.42
Credit balance		2.11
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

Town Appropriation	$ 300.00	
Robert E. Scott, service officer		$ 235.04
Credit balance		64.96
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

STREET LIGHTS

Town Appropriation	$1,116.00	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		$1,103.80
Credit balance		12.20
	$1,116.00	$1,116.00

RED CROSS NURSE SERVICE

Town Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Lucie Peterson, R. N.		$ 500.00
Alberta B. Whidden, R. N,, substitute		100.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Town Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Dr. George K. Gould		$ 425.00
Credit balance		175.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

LEGION ROOM

Town Appropriation	$ 150.00	
D. A. Lanoue, rent		$ 150.00
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

OLD CEMETERIES

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Ray Hicks, labor		$ 6.50
Treas. Leavitt Cemetery		3.00
Credit balance		15.50
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION

Town Appropriation	$ 200.00	
Roy Hicks, Supt.		$ 92.80
Lawrence Timmey, labor		31.20
Ray Hicks, labor		72.80
Frank J. Wells, supplies		3.20
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation	$ 100.00	
A. E. Burke, speaker		$ 25.00
F. H. Brown, supplies		19.44
Mrs. Harry Clark		7.50
Frank J. Wells, supplies		2.55
First National Stores, supplies		4.94
Charlemont High School Drum Corp, services		40.57
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

Town Appropriation	$ 75.00	
Mildred F. MacLean, gifts and wrappings		$ 20.27
Thelma Purinton, films		11.06
Frank J. Wells, oranges, pop corn and candy		22.57
A. L. Avery & Son, cheese cloth		1.10
Credit balance		20.00
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00

POST WAR FUND

Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank		$1,000.00
	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Co.		$ 199.92
Credit balance		50.08
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 324.20	
Walter H. Smith		$ 324.20
	$ 324.20	$ 324.20

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation	$ 110.00	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Co.		$ 92.50
Credit balance		17.50
	$ 110.00	$ 110.00

BRIDGE NOTE AND INTEREST

Town Appropriation	$1,100.00	
Transferred from reserve	.08	
Harriman, Ripley & Co.		$1,100.08
	$1,100.08	$1,100.08

INTEREST

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Credit balance		$ 25.00
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

TAX TITLES

Town Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Mary L. Carpenter, recording and expenses		$ 5.51
Credit balance		44.49
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

LIGHTING OF HONOR ROLL

Town Appropriation	$ 50.00	
Credit balance		$ 50.00
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

County Treasurer, dog licenses	$ 181.60
County Treasurer, County Tax	2,310.09
State Treasurer, State Tax	1,020.00
State Treasurer, Park and Reservation	25.45
State Treasurer, auditing town accounts	339.83
	$3,876.97

CEMETERY FUNDS

Treasurer Leavitt Cemetery	$ 7.00
Treasurer Village Cemetery	20.00
	$ 27.00

WITHHOLDING TAX

Collector of Internal Revenue	$2,040.80

RESERVE

Town Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Chapter 90 Bridge Note and Interest		.08
Fire House		271.92
Chapter 81		49.92
Old Age Assistance		27.79
Credit balance		900.29
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Town Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Selectmen's expense		$ 56.67
Assessors' expense		42.02
Town Clerk's expense		19.40
Tax Collector's expense		48.71

Treasurer's expense		56.92
Sealer's expense		3.25
Town Reports (300)		180.28
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.		37.20
Charles Churchill, water rent		6.00
Printing Ballots		13.97
County Treas., maintenance share—Hampshire Co. Sanatorium		79.79
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		7.50
Frank J. Wells, water rent		25.00
All other expenses		15.80
Treas. of U. S., 2 safes		90.00
Credit balance		567.49
	$1,250.00	$1,250.00

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Town Appropriation	$3,250.00	
Frank J. Wells, selectman		$ 300.00
Horace E. Warfield, selectman		300.00
Charles E. Streeter, selectman		300.00
Mary L. Carpenter, treasurer		300.00
Mary L. Carpenter, town clerk		125.00
Winifred E. Spear assessor		125.00
Francis W. Avery, assessor		125.00
Ernest W. Payne, assessor		125.00
Fred O. Bicknell, tax collector		300.00
Ernest W. Payne, inspector of slaughtering		47.20
Stanton Kendrick, sealer wts. and measures		60.00
Phyllis L. Heist, clerk		464.25
Tellers and Ballot Clerks		35.00
Frank J. Wells, fire chief		25.00
Perambulation of town lines		45.00
Beda Langevin, typing		2.00
Credit balance		571.55
	$3,250.00	$3,250.00

RECAPITULATION

Snow Roads and Bridges	$3,981.56
Chapter 81 Maintenance	7,882.92
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Welfare	1,035.28
Soldiers' Benefits	60.00
Old Age Assistance	16,286.28
Street Lights	1,103.80
Town Property Insurance	324.20

Legion Room	150.00
Town Physician	425.00
Red Cross Nursing Service	600.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	199.92
Board of Health	109.00
Bonding Town Officers	92.50
Machinery	2,901.70
Old Age Administration	259.29
Old Cemeteries	9.50
Christmas Tree Fund	55.00
Miscellaneous	682.51
Town Hall	1,049.97
Fire Department and Forest Fire Patrol	953.82
Officers' Salaries	2,678.45
Library	298.04
Tyler Memorial Library	87.02
Gypsy Moth Suppression	200.00
Memorial Day	100.00
War Price and Ration Board	72.89
Tax Titles	5.51
Post War Fund	1,000.00
Honor Roll	7.25
Chapter 90 Bridge	8,779.91
Chapter 90 Bridge Note and Interest	1,100.08
Fire House	1,271.92
State and County Taxes	3,876.97
Cemetery Fund	27.00
Western Franklin Veterans ervice Administration	235.04
Withholding Tax	2,040.80
Tyler Memorial Fund	72.87
	$611,016.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Charlemont for the period from October 22, 1944, the date of the previous examination, to November 22, 1945, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds and sending out bills for collection were examined and found to be in proper form.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants, the cash book was footed, and the cash balance on November 22, 1945, was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository, by actual count of the cash on hand, and by inspection of the savings bank books.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were verified.

The tax title records in the custody of the treasurer were checked with the deeds on file and with the collector's records, the payments on account of redemptions being verified.

The payments on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit and with a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The surety bonds of the town clerk, tax collector, and treasurer for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The receipts for licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified. The surety bonds filed with the town by individuals to whom liquor licenses were issued were examined and checked with the record of licenses granted.

The recorded receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked to the record of work done. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand was proved by actual count.

The records of receipts of the librarian were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on November 30, 1945, was proved by actual count.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the depository were verified, and the amounts on hand to the credit of town employees were listed and proved to the detailed record in the treasurer's office.

The receipts of the town clerk for dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued. The payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on November 22, 1945, was proved by actual count. The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings and the amounts voted were compared with totals used by the assessors in the computation of the tax rate.

The record of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment was compared with the payrolls of the highway department. The recorded collections were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax accounts outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were audited and proved with the warrants committing them for collection. The collections, as recorded, were checked to the commitment books. The cash books were added, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were checked, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash balance on November 22, 1945, was proved by actual count.

Attention is called again to Section 57, Chapter 59, and Section 2, Chapter 60A, General Laws, relative to the collection of interest and costs on delinquent taxes.

Prompt action should be taken by the collector to clear the books of prior years' taxes.

Verification of the outstanding tax accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of the fire, public welfare, and school departments were examined and checked. The records of charges were compared with duplicate bills and audited payrolls on file, the recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 22, 1945.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

Balance Sheet - November 22, 1945

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:		
General,	$ 39,684.86	
Surplus War Bonus and Accumulation	977.15	
		$ 40,662.01
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1942,	$ 4.00	
Levy of 1943,	6.64	
Levy of 1944,	577.75	
Levy of 1945,	3,368.30	
		3,956.69
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1940,	$ 2.00	
Levy of 1942,	2.00	
Levy of 1944,	2.04	
Levy of 1945,	42.63	
		48.67

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Federal Withholding Tax— Payroll Deductions,		$ 69.30
Overestimate—State Assessments,		8.43
Dog Licenses Due County,		54.60
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment,		79.79
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations,		977.15
Trust Fund Income:		
Leonard School,	$ 76.26	
Hawkes Library,	15.05	
Tyler Library,	215.92	
Potter Cemetery,	10.00	
		$ 317.23
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund Income,		182.66
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	$ 274.51	
Assistance,	1,124.25	
		$ 1,398.76

Tax Possessions,	60.06	Road Machinery Fund,		3,533.49
Aid to Highways - State,	5,928.89	Excess from Tax sale, Section 79 Chapter 60, General Laws,		119.93
Departmental:		Unexpended Balances:		
Fire,	22.50	General,	$ 14,210.27	
Estimated Receipts to be Collected,	4,540.91	Deerfield River Bridge,	1,160.21	
Underestimates to be Raised:				$ 15,370.48
County Tax,	20.48	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		1,140.69
		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
		Levy of 1942,	$ 4.00	
		Levy of 1943,	6.64	
		Levy of 1944,	159.31	
		Levy of 1945,	464.71	
				$ 634.66
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,	$ 48.67	
		Tax Title,	60.06	
		Departmental,	22.50	
		State Aid to Highways,	5,928.89	
				$ 6,060.12
		Surplus Revenue,		$ 25,292.92
	$ 55,240.21			$ 55,240.21

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	$ 9,000.00	Deerfield River Bridge Loan,	$ 9,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds, Cash and Securities,	$ 18,418.21	Stephen Leonard School Fund,	$ 2,869.00
		Maxwell Library Fund,	1,000.00
		Fred W. Hawks Library Fund,	1,000.00
		Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund,	4,715.08
		Potter Cemetery Fund,	1,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	631.43
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	7,202.70
	$ 13,418.21		$ 18,418.21

* Includes $182.66 in general treasury.

JURY LIST, 1946

Roy Hicks	Norman Hawkes
Joseph H. Stanford	Arthur W. Gingras
Merrill C. Gould	Arthur Hathaway
Edgar Tower	Aubrey Rice
Marshall Johnson	Payson Stafford
Paul E. Heist	Burton Avery

Fred Gilbert

Cordially submitted,

FRANK J. WELLS
HORACE E. WARFIELD
CHARLES E. STREETER

January, 1946 Selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARLEMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following calls were received during the past year,

16 Town calls

5 Out of Town calls

This is a very substantial reduction in fires that the department has responded to in town and none of them of serious nature but would have been if it were not for the very capable way the men handled them. This shows the effect of the training that has been received by the department in the last few years. The only serious fires that we had were the brooder house at Ballards that was a total loss with 500 chicks; the Healey's house and the Thayer house fires were quickly subdued due to the efficiency of the chief and the work of the men. The out of town fires were very disastrous due to the time getting there and the lack of an adequate water supply. But the work that was given was greatly appreciated as can be seen by the letters that have been received from the people and the neighbors.

During the past few months we have been able to welcome home some of the regular and auxiliary members to the department, and feel that their presence with us again is deeply felt among us old timers that have held sway while they were away.

The committee on the construction of the boiler house should be given hearty thanks as the work done there has greatly improved the department's station in regards to room in the station itself and to the club rooms above; also to the way that the station can be heated. This was shown the night of the fire at Thayer's in East Charlemont.

The department meets on the second Monday of each month with a very good attendance. During the summer months, the department meets every two weeks to take the truck out under the supervision of the chief, who also gives instructions on the handling of the equipment and to have every member familiarize himself with it.

The purchase of the new nozzle and hose has brought the department's equipment up to an exceptional standard. Of course, it must be understood that the purchase of new hose must be made every year to replace the old as time

and wear deteriorate the old hose very fast. The new booster tank that was purchased from the Greenfield Fire Department and attached to the forest fire truck has greatly increased the water capacity which is greatly needed in forest fire fighting, when a suitable water supply is not available.

The firemen or "The Old Wrecks" so called, accepted the challenge of the high school baseball team last spring and I think that "The Old Wrecks" redeemed themselves for the trimming they received last fall playing basketball.

The department is again sponsoring dances which were discontinued for the duration. The attendance has been very good and the crowd seems to have a very enjoyable evening, and has contributed a very good sum to the department's treasury.

Again, as in the past, the department members and all who wished sang Christmas carols to all the "shut-ins", and I am very sure that they were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS C. ANNEAR,

Secretary and Treasurer, C. F. D. A.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1945	Name	Parents
Jan. 22—	Henry Clark Jenkins	Howard Rupert Jenkins Beulah E. Smith, Jenkins
Feb. 11—	Baby Boy Guerin	Halsey E. Guerin Irene Lajoy, Guerin
Apr. 8—	Donald Philip Atkins	Ralph B. Atkins Doris Sardam, Atkins
Apr. 29—	Carol Jane Tetreault	Richard J. Tetreault Irene R. Warger, Tetreault
June 11—	Von Merrill Creek, Jr.	Von Merrill Creek Lillian G. Laperrier, Creek
Aug. 13—	Franklin Augustus Taylor	Archie Frank Taylor Doris Mae Sherman, Taylor
Oct. 9—	Gerald Alton Coates	Allen M. Coates Sylvia A. Baxter, Coates
Oct. 10—	Jonathan Lee Healy	Winston Healy Margaret Lee Healy
Oct. 14—	Stanley James Lamore	A. Herbert Lamore Desneige Nadeau, Lamore
Nov. 30—	Linda Ann Lane	Craig Ingalls Lane Mildred Lyman, Lane

COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
10	12	14	16	10

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MARRIAGES

1945	Name	Residence
Jan. 23—	Clyde Howard Churchill Gladys Viola Goddard	Charlemont, Mass. Hanover, N. H.
Mar. 30—	Bernard R. Hall Claire Lemay	Colrain, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Apr. 4—	Edmund John Radasch, Jr. Virginia Miller Wells	Longmeadow, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
July 2—	Armand J. St. Pierre Lorraine Langevin	Cummington, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.

Aug. 4—	Charles Harold Hicks	Charlemont, Mass.
	Alice Mary Farnsworth	Turners Falls, Mass.
Oct. 30—	John Martin Harmon	Charlemont, Mass.
	Marie Antoinette Peters	Heath, Mass.

COMPARISON TABLE OF CONTENTS

1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
13	15	6	9	6

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DEATHS

1945	Name	Yrs.	Age Mos.	Days
Jan. 7—	Arthur Lively, Sr.	70	4	22
Jan. 21—	Edith L. (Jeffrey) Oaks	68	3	2
Feb. 11—	Baby Guerin	....	....	....
Mar. 10—	Hattie (Starkey) Taylor	84	10	14
Mar. 23—	Levi Mitchel	76	8	3
Apr. 7—	William H. Booth	83	0	20
Apr. 18—	Jennie E. (French) Johnson	73	7	8
Apr. 28—	Harriet M. Davenport	80	5	28
June 1—	Lewis A. Vincent	81	4	1
June 18—	Alice L. Rice	72	8	12
June 23—	Martha (Breck) Carter	87	1	21
Aug. 8—	H. Henry Phillips	62	2	4
Dec. 1—	Oscar Carter Avery	85	2	27
Dec. 28—	Harold A. Leland	77	11	27

COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
15	11	11	16	14

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82 DOG LICENSES ISSUED

1 KENNEL LICENSE

42 Male Dog Licenses at $2.00	$ 84.00	
28 Spayed Female Licenses at $2.00	56.00	
6 Female Licenses at $5.00	30.00	
1 Kennel License at $25.00	25.00	
6 Military Licenses (Free)		
		$ 195.00
Paid Town Treasurer	$ 179.60	
Fees Retained	15.40	
		$ 195.00

293 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

17	Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses to persons seventy or more years old	Free	
20	Resident Citizens' Military or Naval Sporting Licenses	Free	
2	Non-Resident Military or Naval Sporting Licenses at $2.00		$ 4.00
32	Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $2.00		64.00
64	Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $2.00		128.00
62	Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at $3.25		201.50
55	Resident Citizens' Minor and Female Fishing Licenses at $1.25		68.75
4	Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses at $5.25		21.00
28	Special Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses at $1.50		42.00
3	Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $5.25		15.75
3	Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $10.25		30.75
3	Duplicate Licenses at $ .50		1.50
			$ 577.25

Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	$ 514.00	
Fees retained	63.25	
		$ 577.25

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,

Town Clerk.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1945

RECEIPTS

General Cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1945	$27,988.66	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and accumulation	957.91	
County Treasurer, Dog license fees	163.22	
Town Clerk, Dog license fees	179.60	
Dog fine	2.00	
Franklin County District Court Fines	45.00	
LaVernie C. Smith, Library fines	10.91	
Fred W. Hawkes, Library Fund interest	15.05	
Maxwell Library Fund interest	20.10	
Tyler Memorial House Rent	135.00	
Refund on Tyler Memorial repairs	5.15	
Tyler Estate Income	72.87	
All Alcoholic Licenses	700.00	
Licenses and Permits other than liquor	95.50	
Advertisements in Recorder-Gazette	6.00	
H. A. Hicks Insurance Agency refund	3.95	
S. W. Hawkes, Cemetery Fund, care of lot	3.00	
F. M. Legate, Cemetery Fund, care of lot	4.00	
Potter Cemetery Fund, interest	20.00	
Stanton Kendrick, Sealer's Fees	19.43	
H. E. Warfield, safe	45.00	
S. G. Gould, safe	45.00	
Burke-Moore shed rent	25.00	
Town Hall rent, School Office	175.00	
Town Hall rent, Entertainments	12.00	
Tax Title Sale of Red Men's Hall	450.00	
Dept. of Corporation and Taxation, Gasoline refund	8.67	
Withholding Tax	1,864.20	
State Treasurer, Income Tax	4,335.00	
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax	1,846.87	
State Treasurer, Meal Tax	541.88	
State Treasurer, Reimbursement for loss of taxes	300.82	
State Treasurer, Reimbursement of forest fire equipment	18.75	
State Treasurer, Veteran's Aid and Pensions	3.00	
		$ 40,118.54

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town of Rowe, Services of Fire Department	$ 87.25	
Town of Hawley, Services of Fire Department	5.00	
F. Deane Carter, Services of Fire Department	5.00	
Albert Purinton, Cleaning Water hydrant	3.00	
		$ 100.25

SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, School Fund, income year 1944	$ 4,521.00	
State Treasurer, Supt. of small towns	902.22	
State Treasurer, reimbursement for vocational education	35.00	
State Treasurer, High School Tuition	925.00	
Town of Heath, school tuition	384.00	
Town of Hawley, school tuition	1,755.36	
Town of Readsboro, Vt., school tuition	60.00	
Stephen Leonard, school fund interest	53.18	
		$ 8,635.76

HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Public Works Division of Highways	$ 5,575.83	
State Treasurer, Distribution of Highway Fund Chap. 569, Acts of 1943	3,304.23	
State Treasurer, Snow removal 84.3814% of claim	1,322.13	
State Treasurer, Chap. 90 Bridge Contract 9160	7,470.67	
State Treasurer, Chap. 90	125.00	
County Treasurer, Chap. 90	375.00	
		$ 18,172.86

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Town Equipment, snow roads and bridges	$ 1,567.45	
Town Equipment, Chapter 81	1,499.20	
Town Equipment, Chapter 90	48.90	
Town Equipment, Town of Hawley	35.40	
Town Equipment, Town of Heath	84.10	
Town Equipment, Town of Shelburne	12.15	
Town Equipment, Town of Leyden	21.10	
Town Equipment, Town of Rowe	401.50	
Town Equipment, Fire House	15.90	
Machinery refund, B. & M. R. R. Claim	28.80	
		$ 3,714.50

TAXES

1942 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	$ 172.05	
1943 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	350.07	
1944 Real Estate, Personal and Poll Taxes	2,141.50	
1945 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	32,830.12	
1944 Motor Excise Taxes	27.35	
1945 Motor Excise Taxes	766.56	
		$ 36,287.65

INTEREST

Tax Interest	$ 90.25	
Interest on U. S. Bond	112.50	
Surplus War Bond Interest	19.24	
		$ 221.99

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer State	$ 8,540.08	
State Treasurer U. S. Grant	6,258.49	
State Treasurer, for cost administration	208.56	
Town of Colrain, refund	63.23	
Town of Buckland refund	113.60	
Town of Bedford refund	47.03	
Town of Hawley refund	25.48	
Town of Deerfield refund	65.35	
Town of Heath refund	152.60	
Town of Conway refund	92.13	
Case refund	80.00	
		$ 15,646.55
		$122,898.10

PAYMENTS

Fifty-two Selectmen's Warrants	$ 61,016.00	
Twenty-four School Lists	25,184.58	
General Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1945	35,720.37	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	997.15	
		$122,898.10

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer

TOWN FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER

December 31, 1945

The Maxwell Library Fund	$ 1,000.00
Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund	1,000.00
Stephen Leonard School Fund	2,869.00
The Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund	256.45
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund	211.41
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund	163.57
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund	1,315.08

Post War Program Fund	2,020.04	
U. S. Treasury Bond and Accumulation	5,182.66	
		$ 15,018.21

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1945

UNPAID TAXES

1940—One Motor Excise Tax	$ 2.00
1942—One Motor Excise Tax	2.00
1942—One Poll Tax	2.00
1943—One Poll Tax	2.00
1943—One Motor Excise Tax	2.00
1943—One Personal Property Tax	2.64
1944—Five Poll Taxes	10.00
1944—Personal Property Taxes	50.56
1944—Real Estate Taxes	401.30
1945—Poll Taxes	46.00
1945—Personal Property Taxes	256.07
1945—Real Estate Taxes	2,233.84
1945—Motor Excise Taxes	106.35
Grand Total	$3,116.76

One Motor Excise Tax Warrant came to me on December 19th, 1945, which explains the item of $106.35 uncollected on Motor Excise Taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. BICKNELL,
Collector of Taxes.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

1945

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Floyd Creek, *Chairman*	Term expires 1947
Margaret Healy	Term expires 1946
Verena Taylor	Term expires 1948

Alfred R. Kenyon . . . *Superintendent*

Horace Warfield . . *Attendance Officer*

Dr. George Gould . . *School Physician*

Lucie Peterson . . . . . *School Nurse*

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Winter Term	Opens January 2, 1946 Closes February 21, 1946
Second Winter Term	Opens March 4, 1946 Closes April 18, 1946
Spring Term	Opens April 29, 1946 Closes June 14, 1946
Fall Term	Opens September 4, 1946 Closes December 20, 1946
Winter Term 1947	Opens January 2, 1947

School Holidays

May 30, November 11, two days at Thanksgiving.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR 1945

Regular Appropriation	$25,185.00	
Total		$25,185.00
Expenditures		25,184.58
Unexpended Balance		$ .42

Summary of Receipts

Massachusetts School Fund Part I	$ 1,710.00	
Massachusetts School Fund Part II	4,521.00	
Superintendent	902.22	
High School Grant	975.00	
High School Tuition, Heath	288.00	
High School Tuition, Hawley	1,584.00	
Elementary School Tuition	171.36	
Readsboro Vt. High Tuition	60.00	
Stephen Leonard Fund	53.18	
Vocational Tuition	35.00	
Total Receipts		$10,299.76

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Expenditures	$25,184.58
Receipts	10,299.76
Net Cost of Department to Town	$14,884.82

EXPENDITURES

General Control

Alfred R. Kenyon	$ 1,778.28	
Expense	60.83	
Margaret Healy	57.85	
Verena Taylor	54.25	
Floyd Creek	50.00	
Teachers Retirement Board Walter Kipp	55.00	
		$ 2,056.21

Instruction

Emma Vincent	$ 1,463.28
Olga Jurgilewicz	56.52
Harvey Scribner	1,315.00
Jeanette Hicks	630.00
Emma Fisk	630.00
Gladys Gassett Clark	1,306.64
Evelyn Scribner	710.00
Lois Blakeney	865.00
Marie Lacey	895.00
Thelma Purinton	670.48
Marjorie Gilbert	130.00
Estelle Carter	20.00
Geraldine Lyman	5.00
Clara Mason	162.00

Gertrude Ogden	5.00	
Arthur Frellick	866.64	
Helen Miazga	500.00	
Gladys Boutillette	500.00	
Helen Higgins	483.36	
Josephine Bernard	483.36	
Emilia Buijnowski	450.00	
Carolyn Baldelli	105.00	
		$12,252.28

Text Books

Iroguois Publishing Company	$ 7.69	
C. H. Demond Co.	1.00	
Scott, Foresman Co.	130.62	
Allyn and Bacon Co.	31.08	
Gregg Publishing Co.	3.73	
Gregg Writer	2.00	
Bobbs Merrill Co.	7.74	
Gledhill Brothers	2.87	
News Map of the Week	21.00	
D. C. Heath Co.	37.83	
American Book Co.	67.20	
Ginn and Company	39.35	
Deland's Music Store	.63	
World Book Co.	13.06	
Beckley Cardy Co.	20.97	
Southwestern Publishing Co.	37.62	
Edward E. Babb	51.66	
O. H. Toothaker	10.09	
		$ 486.14

Supplies

Wolberg & Auge	$ 4.92	
Cinema Inc.	9.75	
Edward E. Babb Co.	919.19	
Deland's Music Store	61.02	
Willis Music Co.	4.42	
J. L. Hammett Co.	108.23	
Vinton School Forms	2.18	
J. J. Newbury Co.	24.49	
Byam Printing Press	9.88	
The Nations Schools	3.00	
Gledhill Brothers	242.56	
D. C. Heath	10.30	
Science Research	19.50	
H. Newell Co.	7.53	

V. Taylor	9.74	
John Wilson Co.	3.95	
S. S. Kresge	17.65	
John C. Winston	212.20	
Iroquois Publishing Co.	7.67	
		$ 1,678.18

Operation

Will C. Turner	$ 1,326.54	
		$ 1,326.54

Fuel

W. N. Potter Grain Stores	$ 444.42	
S. K. Nelson	22.00	
Ellsworth Service Station	22.00	
		$ 488.42

Miscellaneous

Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	$ 263.69	
S. K. Nelson	2.00	
Syril Gould	9.36	
Cascade Paper Company	51.05	
Clara Cook	10.00	
Frank Wells	24.89	
Town of Charlemont, Rent	75.00	
Holcomb Manufacturing Co.	107.58	
C. B. Doldge	16.97	
R. R. Fisk	3.00	
E. R. Williams	19.40	
Shaw Florist	19.00	
Will C. Turner	8.69	
A. L. Avery & Sons	48.61	
Department of Public Safety	20.00	
Harry Purinton	3.15	
Herman Harris	6.00	
Aubrey Rice	12.00	
Walter Henderson	20.25	
W. N. Potter Grain Stores	1.92	
C. H. Kennedy	25.00	
		$ 747.56

Repairs

John Woffenden	$ 28.00	
Deland's Music Store	19.46	
La Fontains Type Exchange	161.45	
Clark Hardware Co.	15.00	

Merrill Gould	1.65	
Charlemont Wood Products Co.	.50	
Syril Gould	16.92	
James Radio Studio	5.35	
		$ 248.33

Transportation

Chester Willey	$ 1,092.00	
Arthur Gingras	1,438.50	
W. Pierson	1,122.00	
Irwin Harris	378.50	
R. Hicks	728.00	
H. Stanford	388.50	
H. Burt	457.00	
David Knott	28.00	
		$ 5,632.50

Health

Red Cross	$ 100.00	
		$ 100.00

Tuition

Town of Shelburne	$ 163.62	
Town of Greenfield	4.80	
		$ 168.42

REQUESTED BUDGET FOR 1946

Items	Expenditures 1943	1944	1945	Request for 1946
General Control	$ 1,837.50	$ 1,975.08	$ 2,056.21	$ 2,100.00
Instruction:				
Teachers' Salaries	11,451.00	12,352.00	12,252.28	13,250.00
Text Books	332.48	259.68	486.14	900.00
Supplies	332.48	167.98	1,678.18	1,000.00
Operation:				
Janitors' Salaries	960.50	1,330.00	1,326.54	1,400.00
Fuel	415.10	517.65	488.42	485.00
Miscellaneous	365.30	447.57	747.56	600.00
Maintenance:				
Repairs and Replacements	396.54	89.57	248.33	300.00
Outlay:				
Buildings and Grounds				50.00
New Equipment		33.73		
Other Agencies:				
Transportation	5,266.13	5,022.51	5,632.50	5,650.00
Health	300.00	250.00	100.00	250.00
Tuition	79.00	82.22	168.42	200.00
Sundries	158.40			
TOTAL	$21,894.43	$22,527.99	$25,184.58	$26,185.00

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Charlemont School Committee:

I herewith present my annual report concerning the schools.

Regulations on School Entrance

Any child who will be six years of age on or before the next January first may enter the first grade in September.

In accordance with the state law, it is necessary that a child be vaccinated before he enters school. Massachusetts Laws — Chapter 76 — Section 15 of the laws of the Commonwealth reads: "An unvaccinated child shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate from a physician stating that the child's condition would be injured by vaccination. Such certificates must be renewed every year."

Report to Parent

Parents are urged to see that pupils report cards are signed and returned promptly to the school. Signature does not indicate approval but merely that the card has been seen by the parent.

No home work is required in the elementary grades. However at times home work may be assigned individual cases due to absence or the child's desire to do some work at home.

Attitude toward School

Parents and teachers can do much to make school life a happy experience for each child. A child's attitude toward school often reflects the attitude of the home. The child that has been helped to look forward to school as a place where new and interesting experiences will be found is usually the one that makes a happy adjustment to new situations.

School Attendance

Regularity of attendance and punctuality are important from the first day in school on for the following reasons:

The earlier that a child learns that school is his job and that he has something important to do the more satisfactory will be his growth.

Massachusetts Laws — Chapter 76 — Section 2. Duties of parents, etc., as to school attendance. Penalty. Every person in control of a child described in the preceding section shall cause him to attend school as therein required, and if he fails to do so for seven days sessions or fourteen half days sessions within any period of six months, he shall, on complaint by a supervisor of attendance, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

Dismissal from School

Parents are urged not to request the dismissal of children from school for any reason except an emergency.

Tardiness

Children are required to bring a note from home stating reason for tardiness. An important reason for this rule is to be sure that parents are aware that the child was tardy.

Absence

All pupils absent from school except when dismissed as stated above, are required to bring a written excuse signed by the parent or other responsible member of the family stating the reason for the absence. This excuse should be sent by the child on the first session which he attends after the absence.

Bus Children

Children who come by bus or bring their lunches must remain on the school property at noon unless the parents request otherwise. Teachers may at their discretion allow children to leave the school property. Please be sure that the child starts to school properly clad to play outside at noon, weather permitting.

No School

In general, school will be open every school day of the year. Parents are expected to exercise their judgment in deciding whether a child, for reasons of health should remain at home. To take care of the situation resulting from decidedly inclement weather the No-School signal will be sounded at 7:15 a. m.

The Cafeteria

Today more than ever before, it is most vital for our children to have food of the utmost nutritive value. The cafeteria manager has planned meals accordingly. Food

is sold at a minimum cost. The daily menus are built on the following basis:

Home made soups
Hot plate — consisting of meat and vegetables
Salads of fresh fruit or vegetables
Desserts, fresh fruits, custards, etc.

The children in the primary grades are dismissed at an earlier period in order that they may select their food and eat without hurrying. Careful supervision is given during the entire lunch period in the cafeteria.

Buildings

The Center School was cleaned, necessary repairs were made and painting done during the summer recess.

Teachers

In June Mrs. Emma Fisk and Mrs. Jeanette Hicks resigned after faithfully serving the Charlemont schools for many years. Despite the critical teacher shortage that exists we opened in September with a full staff of teachers. To date, I am more than pleased with the class room work and cooperative spirit that these teachers have shown.

Closing

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the School Committee and citizens for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED R. KENYON,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To Superintendent Alfred Kenyon:

School opened September 10, 1945 with new principal and all new teachers except Mrs. Vincent in the High School and Mrs. Clark who was moved up from the East Charlemont School to teach the combined third and fourth grades. The new teachers are all young with little or no experience but all have shown a fine spirit of cooperation in the organization and conduct of the school. Their attitude of cheerful willingness is indeed remarkable when the fact is considered that every teacher in the building car-

ries a heavy overload of work both scholastic and extra-curricular. Outside of their school work they seem to be fitting into the community and have taken their places in church and other village organizations. It is my hope that this group of women can be held together for more than a year in order that the school itself may have a real development.

The children of the school are getting accustomed to the new regime and in the main have shown a desire to follow the advice and leadership of their teachers. There have been few cases of severe discipline and practically all of these have been quickly settled by the cooperative action of parents and teachers. The parents have been really fine in backing up the teachers and in helping to find the solutions to the problems of their individual children. I do believe, however, that there is a slight bend in the minds of the people and children toward the social values of the school at the expense of the educational concepts. Any school, but especially one of few students, which allows participation in more than one extra-curricular activity at the same time has on its hands a situation that is not healthful in the development of a high scholastic standing, and such a condition exists here.

The School Board has been of real help to all of us and the teachers feel secure in the knowledge that Board and Superintendent are standing encouragingly behind them in their work.

I would like here to say a word of commendation for our janitor, Mr. Turner. He has been not only kind and thoughtful but also entirely cheerful in the carrying out of any requests made of him.

The physical plant of the school, as you know, leaves much to be desired. The means of egress from the building could very easily become firetraps. The basement, and in fact the whole school, is unevenly heated, due to imperfections in the heating system. The toilet facilities are antiquated and unsanitary. The lack of an automatic time clock makes it almost impossible to run successive periods of the same length. There is no office, and this lack prevents any privacy whatsoever in the conduct of the principal's duties and makes his efficiency a rather questionable attainment which is further lessened by the lack of a telephone. There are laboratory supplies but no laboratory.

The aim of the entire educational personnel of the Town of Charlemont from the School Board down to the

first grade teacher should be to make our school the finest organization of any of its size, and I believe that idea is in the heart of every person connected with this school. From my point of view I would like, with your permission, to make some suggestions toward the accomplishment of this end.

I. Induce teachers to stay longer in Charlemont by developing a program by which they could have greater financial security and at the same time be free from the condition of overwork that now exists.

A. Hire one more teacher for the High School and at least one for the grades.

B. Adopt a maximum pay schedule with regular increments.

C. Make sick leave with pay cumulative.

D. Establish financial help to teachers who wish to make professional improvement.

2. Install in the laboratory modern tables for laboratory use with the necessary equipment for water, gas, electricity and sewerage.

3. Install an automatic time clock.

4. Remodel the toilets and increase the heating plant.

5. Build an office for the principal and install a telephone in it together with other usual office equipment.

6. Make exit doors safe.

7. Establish a policy against parallel participation by students in extra-curricular activities.

8. Make a definite study of curriculum improvements with immediate attention to the incorporation of such subjects as Solid Geometry, Trigonometry, Music, both vocal and instrumental, Art and Orientation for both boys and girls.

As I write down these suggested improvements, I realize full well that it may be impossible to accomplish them all in a year's time but they should not be too long left undone if our school is to remain worthy of the Class-A rating it now holds. There are other suggestions which I have omitted but which some day must be considered, including the proper facilities in the school building for a physical education program of sports and physical correction and training for every child in school.

In closing this report, may I thank most heartily the citizens of the town and the school authorities who have helped to make my work more pleasant and successful.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR L. FRELLICK,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To Superintendent Alfred Kenyon:

In July a well child conference for pre-school children was held with the assistance of members of the Parent Teacher Association. Dr. Alexander Nadas, pediatrician of Greenfield was the examining physician, and Mrs. Gerda Horst of the State Department of Public Health was the consulting nutritionist. Fifty-six children attended the conference at which diphtheria toxoid and vaccination were given if advisable. Nutritional and dental defects were the conditions most commonly found.

The four towns of the school union have combined to buy the new Massachusetts Vision Testing equipment which is a great improvement over the former Snellen chart method. Of the entire school, fifteen failed the test and were referred to a professional oculist for further examination.

Hearing testing has been done using the audiometer which was loaned to us by the State Department of Public Health. Very few defects in hearing were noted.

A dental clinic was conducted under the auspices of the American Red Cross, with Dr. Glade Hall of Florence, Mass., in attendance. He first examined each child and a notice was sent home to parents telling them what dental work should be done. Sixty-one children had a total of two hundred sixty-nine dental operations done. If parents did not wish to have the work done at the clinic, they were urged to take their children to their family dentist. Dental caries is the most frequent defect found in this school population.

Three of our children attended the Greenfield Health

Camp for a period of three weeks during the summer vacation.

An attempt was made to secure the Tuberculosis clinic for our school, but due to war time shortage of X-ray film we were unable to do so. One pupil is being seen at the State Tuberculosis clinic in Greenfield.

Two hundred forty-four home visits have been made in follow up of the annual physical examinations, and to pupils absent from school three days.

The following defects were found among the students:

Cardiac disease — seven
Enlarged tonsils — thirty
Poor nutrition — six
Poor posture — two
Strabismus — two

We endeavor to improve the health of the child by notifying the parent of his condition and recommending that the family physician be consulted for corrective measures.

It was disappointing this year to find that the correction of physical defects, which we had hoped would be accomplished during the summer months, had not been attended to. We know that in some homes both parents have been engaged in war work and though meaning to do their best, lose sight of the fact that by maintaining the health of their children, they are making the greatest contribution possible to their country. It is a sad fact that in the recent draft a large percentage of our men could not pass the physical examination for entrance into the armed forces. Therefore we urge parents to have any corrective work which they know should be done, taken care of without delay.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the spirit of cooperation as shown on the part of town officials, interested citizens, parents, and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIE PETERSON, R.N.,

American Red Cross
Public Health Nurse,

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE

October 1, 1945

Grade	Age 5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
1	2	12	6	1												21
2			4	3	1											8
3			3	8	1	1										13
4				2	6	4	1									13
5					3	12	4									19
6						1	7	3	2							13
7							3	9	2	2				1		16
8								2	4	5						11
9								1	5	1	2	1				10
10										3	7	2	1			13
11									1		4	2	3	1		11
12												3	5	4	1	13
	2	12	13	14	11	18	15	15	14	11	13	8	9	5	1	161

Registration of Minors

October 1, 1945

Age Groups	5 to 7	7 to 14	Total
Boys	12	63	75
Girls	16	50	66
Totals	28	113	141
Distribution in Public Schools	14	112	126
In Private Schools	0	0	0
In Vocational Schools	0	0	0
Not in School	14	1	15
Totals	28	113	141

THE 1945 GRADUATION PROGRAM

CLASS MOTTO

In Ourselves Our Future Lies

CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER

Blue Carnation

CLASS ROLL

*Carolyn E. Avery
*Ruby Mae Hicks
*Marion I. King
Lorraine F. Langevin
Claire Helen Lemay
Dorcas R. Lyman
Alberta J. Maynard
*Donald W. Raymond
Elizabeth G. Tinney

* With Honors

CLASS OFFICERS

Dorcas Lyman, President
Donald Raymond, Vice President
Carolyn Avery, Secretary
Ruby Hicks, Treasurer

FACULTY

Harvey B. Scribner, Principal
Mrs. Emma B. Vincent
Miss Lois Blakeney
Miss Marie Lacey

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Alfred R. Kenyon

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Floyd Creek, Chairman
Mrs. Theron Taylor Sr.
Mrs. Winston Healy

PROGRAM

Processional ..... March
Lurena Purinton Pianist
Invocation ..... Rev. William H. Waekfield
Song, "Bells Of The Sea" ..... Undergraduates
Salutatory, "Our Heritage" ..... Donald Raymond

Class History ..... Carolyn Avery and Ruby Hicks
Class Prophecy ..... Dorcas Lyman and Elizabeth Tinney
Class Will ..... Claire Lemay
Presentation of Gifts ..... Alberta Maynard and Lorraine Langevin
Valedictory, "Walls" ..... Marion King
"Commencement Song" ..... Class of 1945
Presentation of Awards
    Legion Awards ..... Roy Breen
    School Awards ..... Harvey B. Scribner, Principal
    Diplomas ..... Alfred R. Kenyon, Superintendent
Song, "God Bless Our Boys" ..... Undergraduates
Benediction ..... Rev. William H. Wakefield
Receiving Line

REPORT OF CHARLEMONT ASSESSORS, 1945

	Personal Estate	Real Estate
Adams, Mrs. Dorothy	$ 100.00	$1,350.00
Adler, Carl	150.00	
Adler, Pearl T.		950.00
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B.		300.00
Albee, John E.		400.00
Anderson, Mrs. Anders	100.00	700.00
Anderson, Esther T.		300.00
Anderson, Raymond		400.00
Andrews, Mrs. Bertha M.	35.00	600.00
Andrews, Carl	65.00	
Andrews, Warren & Irene	95.00	400.00
Angelli, Augusto	70.00	1,800.00
Angelli, Charles	215.00	2,450.00
Aldrich, Allie C.	100.00	1,800.00
Annear, Cyrus C.	250.00	1,850.00
Ashton, Francis E.		700.00
Atkins, Ralph B. & Doris E.		900.00
Avery, Burton W.		5,450.00
Avery, Mabel J.		50.00
Avery, Francis W.	1,615.00	5,185.00
Avery, Henry L.		8,450.00
Avery, A. L. & Son	8,540.00	
Avery, Oscar C.		15,250.00
Ahola, Weino		600.00
Ballard, Ruth K.	535.00	3,475.00
Barnes, Benjamin J.		3,000.00
Barnes, Daniel D.		400.00
Bemis, Harry		7,300.00
Bicknell, Fred O.		5,750.00
Booth, William H.		550.00
Booth, Robert	50.00	150.00
Bolton, George L.		2,100.00
Boston & Maine R. R.		7,000.00
Baxter, Charles M.	135.00	455.00
Breen, Roy H.		2,000.00
Bremer, Ruth M.		1,180.00
Bremer, H. J.	395.00	
Brown, Fred C.	125.00	3,050.00
Boullie, Wm. J. & Anna T.		2,000.00
Burt, Harold A. & Marie		1,525.00
Burt, William R.	1,255.00	1,575.00
Burdett, Alfred E.	25.00	
Burnett, W. L.	220.00	1,385.00

Burrington, Anna M.		700.00
Breneman, William & Olga		600.00
Bliss, Edna L.		1,280.00
Campbell, Martin P. & Marjorie H.		1,200.00
Canedy, Jennie		2,200.00
Canedy, Rosa A.		2,200.00
Carpenter, Mary L.		2,250.00
Carry, Walter	750.00	
Cassidy, George E.	150.00	1,500.00
Cetto, Enrico,		1,300.00
Charlemont Wood Products Co.	150.00	6,550.00
Charles, Frederick A.	200.00	
Churchill, Charles S.		2,150.00
Churchill, M. H.		150.00
Churchill, Helen W.		900.00
Clark, Inez T.		3,180.00
Clark, Mrs. Margaret		400.00
Clark, Mrs. Cora		5,200.00
Cook, Helen H.		1,900.00
Cooley, Olive A.		1,700.00
Cope, Alfred E.		2,020.00
Conley, Fred J.	1,685.00	7,060.00
Converse, Nellie F. & Edward G.		5,100.00
Creek, Floyd B. & Flora E.	210.00	5,750.00
Crocker, Jennie M.		700.00
Crossin, Clara	30.00	
Daly, Aristides K.	350.00	6,600.00
Davenport, Albert W.		700.00
Davenport, Hattie M.		675.00
Davenport, Carlton P.		400.00
Davenport, Louis A.		250.00
Davenport, William A.		400.00
Dennis, Lot & Rowe, Frederick F.		4,150.00
Dickinson, Alice G.	110.00	1,800.00
Dickinson, Richard		250.00
Dickinson, Edgar G.		240.00
Dimick, John	85.00	835.00
Dunlop, Leslie	100.00	
Earl, Ralph		450.00
Ellsworth, Horace E.	400.00	200.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S.		1,075.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S.		1,000.00
Eagan, John & Alice V.	100.00	2,475.00
Farrington, Arthur W.		900.00
Fife, Sanford	103.00	5,600.00
Fisk, Roscoe R.	830.00	5,020.00
Flanders, Luther E.		1,000.00

Ford, Arthur		4,700.00
Ford, Walter H.	300.00	7,675.00
Foliated Talc Co.		200.00
Frary, Eliza N.		2,500.00
Fuller, Alice M.		1,200.00
Gilbert, Charles	100.00	
Gilbert, Clifford J.		50.00
Gilbert, Edward	150.00	3,150.00
Gibson, Herbert & Constance V.		2,500.00
Gingras, Alfred	1,000.00	7,650.00
Gould, Arden D.		2,850.00
Gould, Mrs. Edyce	200.00	
Gould, George K.	200.00	
Gould, Grace C.		3,800.00
Gould, Syril G.	500.00	
Graf, Edward P. & Mary A.		2,225.00
Greenfield Savings Bank		3,000.00
Grieder, H. & Borkland R.		3,150.00
Grover, Albina		3,650.00
Harris, Ethel M.		630.00
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E.	1,430.00	2,500.00
Harris, Herman F.	630.00	650.00
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G.		1,125.00
Harris, Irvin J.	120.00	650.00
Harris, Ralph E., Est.		100.00
Harris, Herbert R.	620.00	1,300.00
Hager, O. J.		2,200.00
Hager, Verne	543.00	
Heist, Claude W.		1,400.00
Heist, Hannah M.		2,280.00
Heist, Paul E.	90.00	955.00
Healy, Winston	1,390.00	3,450.00
Healy, J. J.	170.00	24,090.00
Hawkes, Harry F.	1,115.00	6,150.00
Hawkes, Norman W.		5,070.00
Haskins, Arthur	300.00	
Hawkes, Arthur L.	710.00	5,565.00
Hawkes, Maria, Estate		1,400.00
Hallehan, William E.	1,500.00	2,955.00
Harmon, James B.		2,100.00
Harwood, Fannie E.		2,650.00
Halligan, Burdette & Mabel		1,150.00
Harwood, Clarence R.	25.00	
Harrington, Henry L.		1,100.00
Hathaway, Arthur	25.00	1,300.00
Hartwell, Ernest		2,100.00
Hicks, Ray C.	1,465.00	1,865.00

Hicks, Roy A.	960.00	2,175.00
Hubbard, Kenneth	200.00	
Hubbard, Roland	300.00	
Hunkler, Frank R.		1,570.00
Hunkler, Lawrence		750.00
Hunt, Blanche L.		1,800.00
Henderson, Walter A. & Lenabel H.		1,800.00
Irving, Lawrence & Selma		675.00
Jenkins, Howard & Beulah	500.00	1,750.00
Joy, Jesse	240.00	
Johnson, Frank L. & Son	925.00	3,895.00
King, Mrs. Grace		7,550.00
Kendrick, Mrs. Amy T.	900.00	3,570.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,400.00	18,075.00
Kirchleckner, Frank	370.00	515.00
Kork, Antone, heirs or devisees		350.00
Kratt, Arthur L.	50.00	
Lanoue, D. Ambrose	150.00	2,320.00
Lanoue, Dolphis A. & Eva M.		7,600.00
Lees, Minnie W.		850.00
Lively, Arthur	370.00	1,700.00
Lively, Levi		3,500.00
Legate, Annie S.		450.00
Legate, Ida L.		4,200.00
Legate, Harry F.		2,600.00
Leazer, William		800.00
Leland, Harold A.		2,100.00
Leland, Samuel B.		595.00
Liese, Jessie E.		4,720.00
Lilly, Mrs. Sarah		1,000.00
Lincoln, Lulu D.		2,400.00
Long, David W.		1,500.00
Lyman, Frank O.	135.00	
Lyman, Geraldine H.		4,650.00
Lynch, John W. & Edith B.		3,630.00
Lemay, Israel	65.00	1,900.00
Lemore, Herbert	70.00	
Malcolm, David J.		4,000.00
Marcy, Mary S.		400.00
Mathews, Dr. W. C.	100.00	
Mayer, Joseph	315.00	
Merrill, Roy S.		2,850.00
Merrill, Philip		1,100.00
Miller, Helen W.	300.00	2,150.00
Mann, T. S. Lumber Co.		2,775.00
Mathys, George L.		1,300.00
Murtha, Francis P.		560.00

Moors, Ethel P.		700.00
Moriarty, John L.	500.00	1,700.00
Murray, Harold		2,565.00
Murphy, John P., Est.		900.00
Myers, I. R.	60.00	
Martin, Edward P.		1,700.00
MacLean, Harold W.	400.00	
Maynard, Earl O.		1,500.00
McHaffie, John W.	60.00	900.00
McKenna, Theresa A.		5,000.00
Newton, Evans K.		790.00
Newton, Myron C.	60.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	15,100.00	
New England Power Co.	7,240.00	62,900.00
New England Box Co.		5,935.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	25,000.00	
Oakes, Daniel M.		100.00
Oakes, Mrs. Edith L.		1,300.00
Osborne, Mrs. Lucy		4,300.00
Palmer, Paul		2,000.00
Payne, Ernest W.		3,300.00
Pitman, Mrs. Eloise M.		2,260.00
Pease, Erwin A. & Ethel M.		1,050.00
Peck Lumber Co.		1,500.00
Perdinis, O. S. & Son		300.00
Perry, Mrs. Elsie		150.00
Phillips, Mrs. Henry H.	540.00	2,100.00
Pierson, William D.	2,845.00	6,355.00
Pike, Alfred W. & Alice K.		3,850.00
Pike, Frank & Alley, Maud S.		3,520.00
Pike, Frank	150.00	
Pleshaw, Charles D.		1,150.00
Potter, Mrs. Elizabeth C.		14,990.00
Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	350.00	10,175.00
Pratt, Clement L.		150.00
Pratt, Walter M.		1,900.00
Purinton, Harry	175.00	
Purinton, Albert T.	505.00	1,350.00
Purinton, Richard G. & Myrtle L.	55.00	1,900.00
Purrington, Gordon		600.00
Purrington, George R. & Agnes C.		160.00
Pitman, Lawrence M.	125.00	
Riddell, Hugh	295.00	
Rice, Mrs. Alice		750.00
Rice, Aubrey L. & Amelia A.	360.00	3,800.00
Rice, William C.	35.00	2,350.00
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F.		1,600.00

Richmond, Burke	110.00	2,290.00
Rivers, Rena M.		3,600.00
Richardson, Lester R.		200.00
Robinson, Clara T.		1,755.00
Rowell, John A.		6,500.00
Ryan, Helena T.		1,150.00
Sampson, Albert A.	350.00	3,950.00
Sandri, A. R.		2,450.00
Sears, Clarence	65.00	
Sears, Edwin W.	100.00	3,800.00
Sears, Mrs. Jennie Z. Est.		25.00
Sears, Mabel V.		2,640.00
Shaw, Virginia P.		400.00
Shaw, Lincoln H.		340.00
Shaw, Marlyn R.		500.00
Shaw, Mrs. A. E.		3,250.00
Shaw, Ballard G. & Ella		4,100.00
Sherman, James M.		580.00
Sherman, James M., Jr.		200.00
Sherman, Cecil		250.00
Sherman, Elmer L.		1,030.00
Simmons, Mary W.	200.00	250.00
Simmons, Arthur & Clara		1,000.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E.	1,165.00	2,320.00
Smart, Fred A.		3,600.00
Smith, Walter H. & Lavernie C.		1,750.00
Smith, Walter H.	25.00	
Smith, Elizabeth		2,700.00
Smith, Herbert E.		1,700.00
Smith, George E. & Violet		3,975.00
Spear, Elbert F.		3,450.00
Stanford, Henry	110.00	
Stafford, Chauncy K.	2,058.00	2,800.00
Stafford, Frank E.		3,000.00
Stacy, Helen B.		200.00
Sykes, Robert R.		250.00
Shultz, Harold & Dorothy		1,950.00
Shultz, James E.	685.00	2,700.00
Starr, Nellie		600.00
Stark, William	35.00	
Streeter, Charles E.	185.00	2,800.00
Sullivan, Wilhelmina	550.00	6,600.00
Snead, Hunter & Marjorie T.		3,000.00
Taylor, Archie F.	220.00	350.00
Taylor, Hattie S.		1,440.00
Taylor, Theron S.		3,900.00
Temple, John B.		300.00

Thompson, Mrs. Jane		2,700.00
Turner, Dora E.		3,000.00
Turner, Christine		9,150.00
Turner, William C.		1,900.00
Tarvin, James E. & Lena W.		4,500.00
Tinney, Floyd O.	180.00	1,050.00
Tinney, Lawrence S.	110.00	150.00
Tinney, Irvin J.		1,250.00
Thayer, Fordyce A.	1,265.00	4,280.00
Tower, Edgar D.	545.00	
Tower, Candace M.		5,330.00
Tower, Mabel A.		3,300.00
Tullis, Nellie J.		100.00
Teahan, Roecoe W.		1,400.00
Trustees Congregational Society		650.00
Trustees I. O. O. F.		3,500.00
Trustees I. O. R. M.		1,000.00
Trustees Leavitt Cemetery		300.00
Underwood, George		100.00
VanNostrand, H. L.		3,300.00
Varnum, Chester		1,220.00
Veber, Gilbert L.		850.00
Vincent, Louis A.	270.00	2,350.00
Vincent, Leslie F.	300.00	
Vosburg, Claude	200.00	2,275.00
Valentine, Traversa	32.00	
Warfield, Horace E.	850.00	8,325.00
Warner, Fred		3,400.00
Warriner, Bertha M.		800.00
Western Union Tel. Co.	3,700.00	
Western N. E. Tel. Co.	5,600.00	3,100.00
Wells, Frank J.	4,100.00	10,850.00
Wheeler, Daniel G.	175.00	2,275.00
White, Harold T.		60.00
Whittaker, Ernest	105.00	
Wilbur, Stephen	35.00	1,700.00
Willey, Chester H.	8,950.00	22,460.00
Wilson, Ester G.		2,800.00
Willard, James R.	980.00	4,025.00
William, Bros.	825.00	
Wales, Doris E.		950.00
Walsh, Mary E.		1,100.00
Wells, Alice L.		2,500.00
Whipple, Olin & Ruth M.		5,200.00
Wojtkowski, Mrs. Viola	150.00	500.00
Young, Florence		2,830.00

Number of Polls Assessed	232
Number of Horses Assessed	72
Number of Cattle Assessed	459
Number of Sheep Assessed	10
Number of Swine Assessed	11
Number of Goats Assessed	8
Number of Fowl Assessed	4,725
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	250
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,082
Assessed Value of Personal Estate	$127,367
Assessed Value of Real Estate	$779,075
Total Valuation	$906,442
Tax Rate	$39 per 1,000
Number of Excise Commitments	5
Number of Motor Vehicles	319
Value of Motor Vehicles	$ 27,270
Excise	$ 882.89

Respectfully submitted,

WINIFRED E. SPEAR,

FRANCIS W. AVERY,

ERNEST W. PAYNE,

Assessors.

EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING,

FEB. 5, 1945

Voted to raise and appropriate the following:

1.	$ 7,833.00	for Chapter 81
2.	1,000.00	for Chapter 90
3.	5,000.00	for Snow Roads & Bridges
4.	10,000.00	for Old Age Assistance
5.	1,500.00	for Welfare
6.	250.00	for Soldiers Benefits
7.	250.00	for World War II War Allowance
8.	250.00	for Aid to Dependent Children
9.	1,062.00	for Street Lights
10.	324.20	for Town Property Insurance
11.	250.00	for Workmen's Compensation Insurance
12.	1,200.00	for Town Hall
13.	1,000.00	for Fire Department & Forest Fire Patrol
14.	3,250.00	for Officers Salaries
15.	450.00	for Board of Health
16.	600.00	for Red Cross Nursing Service
17.	600.00	for Town Physician
18.	150.00	for Legion Rooms
19.	100.00	for Memorial Day
20.	75.00	for Christmas Tree Fund
21.	110.00	for Bonding Town Officers
22.	25.00	for Old Cemeteries
23.	200.00	for Gypsy Moth Suppression
24.	25.00	for Interest
25.	300.00	for Library
26.	180.00	for Tyler Memorial Library (From invested Funds)
27.	1,250.00	for Reserve Fund (From Overlay Reserve)
28.	1,250.00	for Miscellaneous
29.	1,100.00	for Bridge Note & Interest
30.	25,185.00	for Schools
31.	25.00	for Honor Roll
32.	75.00	for War Price & Rationing Board
33.	3,000.00	for Machinery (From Road Machinery Fund)
34.	592.21	for Machinery (Bills due) (From Machinery Fund)
35.	3,000.00	for Taxes (Taken from Free Cash)
36.	100.00	for Raise in Treasurer's Salary
37.	50.00	for Lighting Honor Roll (In Accordance with Black Out Regulations)
38.	54.00	for Two Street Lights on North Street and One on Heath Road)

39. 300.00 for Town's share at Veterans Rehabilitation Center
40. 1,000.00 for Post War Program (Appropriated)
41. 50.00 for Tax Titles
42. 1,000.00 for Heating Plant for Fire House

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 1945

Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, being an act to authorize the establishment and maintenance of municipal departments and of districts for furnishing information, advice and assistance to Veterans of World War II or other Veterans.

Voted that the Town become a member of a district for the purpose provided by Chapter 723, Acts of 1945, said district to include the following towns: Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Rowe, and Shelburne or any of them.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To either constable of the Town of Charlemont in the County of Franklin: Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the fourth day of February next at 12 o'clock noon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers:

Clerk for one year.

Treasurer for one year.

Selectman for three years.

Assessor for three years.

School Committee member for three years.

Library Trustee for three years.

Tax Collector for one year.

Auditor for one year.

Tree Warden for one year.

Three Constables for one year.

Park Commissioner for three years.

For this purpose the polls will be open at 12 o'clock noon and will close at six o'clock P. M.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the fourth day of February next, at eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise the following ap-

propriations recommended by the Finance Committee or take any action thereon:

$ 4,000.00	for	Snow Roads and Bridges.
10,000.00	for	Old Age Assistance.
1,500.00	for	Welfare.
250.00	for	Soldier's Benefits.
250.00	for	Aid to Dependent Children.
1,122.00	for	Street Lights.
324.20	for	Town Property Insurance.
250.00	for	Workmen's Compensation Insurance.
1,200.00	for	Town Hall.
1,000.00	for	Fire Department and Forest Fire Patrol.
3,250.00	for	Officers' Salaries.
250.00	for	Board of Health.
600.00	for	Red Cross Nursing Service.
600.00	for	Doctor's Salary.
150.00	for	Legion Rooms.
100.00	for	Memorial Day.
75.00	for	Christmas Fund.
100.00	for	Bonding Town Officers.
25.00	for	Old Cemeteries.
200.00	for	Gypsy Moth Suppression.
25.00	for	Interest.
300.00	for	Library.
180.00	for	Tyler Library (from Invested Funds)
1,250.00	for	Reserve Fund (From Overlay Reserve)
1,250.00	for	Miscellaneous.
26,185.00	for	Schools.
1,089.92	for	Bridge Note and Interest.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of $1,000.00 for Chapter 90 Construction of cement decks on three bridges, namely two on South River and one at junction of North Heath Road and Mountain Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $4,000.00 for the 1946 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $100.00 each per year to the present salaries of the Town Assessors, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $100.00 to the present salary of the Tax Collector or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $500.00 for the School Cafeteria. The reimbursement from the Federal Government and School Cafeteria to be restored upon their receipt to the unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,000.00 as a Post War Program, said sum to be used in conjunction with State and Federal funds when available, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee to have charge of the purchase and installation of a Bronze Plaque as an Honor Roll for the men and women who served from this town in World War II, and appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the same or take any action thereon.

Article 13. (By petition) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 as salary for a Community Nurse, said Nurse to be appointed by the Board of Health, or take any action thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant posting attested copies thereof one each at the Village Postoffice and

East Charlemont Church, seven days at least before the date of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six.

FRANK J. WELLS
HORACE E. WARFIELD
CHARLES E. STREETER
Selectmen of Charlemont.

Notice:—This warrant appears as a matter of information only, the regular meeting warrant may include alterations and additions.

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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT, 1946

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

HORACE E. WARFIELD, Chairman
Term expires 1946

CHARLES E. STREETER
Term expires 1947

LAURENCE M. PITMAN
Term expires 1948

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

HORACE E. WARFIELD, Chairman
CHARLES E. STREETER
LAURENCE M. PITMAN
PHYLLIS L. HEIST, Acting Agent

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

FRANCIS W. AVERY, Chairman
Term expires 1946

WINIFRED E. SPEAR
Term expires 1948

ERNEST W. PAYNE (Deceased)
Term expires 1947
WILLIAM R. BURT

BOARD OF HEALTH

HORACE E. WARFIELD, Chairman
WILLIAM C. TURNER

FLOYD B. CREEK (resigned)
WINSTON HEALY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FLOYD B. CREEK, Chairman
(resigned)
Term expires 1946

VERENA P. TAYLOR
(resigned)
Term expires 1947

FRANK J. WELLS

WINSTON HEALY, Chairman

BEDA LANGEVIN
Term expires 1948

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DANIEL WHEELER
Term expires 1946

GRACE C. GOULD
Term expires 1947

GEORGE H. FRARY, Chairman
Term expires 1948

LaVERNIE C. SMITH, Librarian SARAH JANE MURRAY, Librarian

CLERK

MARY L. CARPENTER

TAX COLLECTOR

FRED O. BICKNELL

TREASURER

MARY L. CARPENTER

PARK COMMISSION

AVIS M. CHURCHILL, Chairman
Term expires 1946

WILLIAM R. BURT
Term expires 1947

HARRY LEGATE
Term expires 1948

AUDITOR

HARRY LEGATE

TREE WARDEN

CHARLES S. CHURCHILL

CONSTABLES

FRED O. BICKNELL WALTER HENDERSON

ALBERT SAMPSON

FIRE CHIEF and FOREST FIRE WARDEN

FRANK J. WELLS

SEALER OF WEIGHTS

STANTON KENDERICK

CLERK OF TOWN OFFICERS

PHYLLIS L. HEIST

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

MAURICE T. THOMPSON
HORACE G. PURINTON
LESLIE F. VINCENT

RED CROSS NURSE

LUCIE E. PETERSON, R. N.

DOG OFFICER

WALTER HENDERSON

SUPERINTENDENT, GYPSY MOTH

ROY HICKS

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

LAWRENCE H. VanNOSTRAND

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

CHARLES E. STREETER

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

CHARLES E. STREETER

ERNEST W. PAYNE, (Deceased)

FENCE VIEWERS

MARSHALL JOHNSON

HARRY HAWKES

ALBERT SAMPSON

FIELD DRIVERS AND POUND KEEPERS

MARSHALL JOHNSON

WARREN ANDREWS

WEIGHERS

HARRY LEGATE

THERON S. TAYLOR

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

WILLIAM C. TURNER

HERMAN HARRIS

MEASURERS OF LUMBER

WILLIAM C. TURNER

HERMAN HARRIS

DANIEL OAKES

CHARLES CHURCHILL

JOHN GOODWIN

BURIAL AGENT

LAWRENCE S. TINNEY

POLICE CHIEF

HORACE E. WARFIELD

COMMITTEE ON BRONZE PLAQUE FOR HONOR ROLL

FRANK J. WELLS, Chairman

CHESTER H. WILLEY

WINSTON HEALY

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year of 1946 has been a year of mounting costs in both labor and material which has left very few accounts with any surplus over and above their original appropriations to be returned to that comforting item "Available Funds". Yet we believe there has been no undue expenditure for unnecessary purposes.

Several changes in personnel of Town officers have occurred due to death and resignations. The deaths of Ernest W. Payne, who served us so long as assessor, and Paul Doneilo, our Milk Inspector, are noted with regret. William R. Burt was appointed to fill Mr. Payne's unexpired term as Assessor. The resignation of Verena P. Taylor from the School Committee was filled by Winston Healy, while the resignation of Floyd B. Creek from the same committee was filled by Frank J. Wells. Lavernie C. Smith resigned as Librarian and her position was taken by Sarah Jane Murray. Maurice T. Thompson left the Road Superintendent's job to operate his own steam shovel. Horace G. Purinton was appointed to fill that position, but later resigned. Leslie Vincent was then appointed as Road Superintendent and has since been serving well and efficiently in that capacity. Dr. George K. Gould left town, at the same time leaving us without a Town Physician or agent of the Board of Health. We have been unable to obtain any new resident physician, although we have applied to the Harvard Medical School, Tufts Medical School and the State Board of Health, making known our needs. The main reason why we have not been able to persuade any doctor to locate in town has been lack of any housing accommodation we have been able to offer such a prospect.

The most notable changes in the physical aspect of the Town have been the renovation of the Charlemont Inn, which is now open to the public and which should not only add to the tax value of the Town but should be a means of bringing in outside moneys from winter and summer visitors; and the removal of the unsightly brick block which obscured even a partial view of the beautiful Old Cemetery. Incidentally this Board has refused to approve the

application of an advertising company to install a large signboard along the Trail in East Charlemont.

A claim for damages resulting from a collision between our snowplow and the Chevrolet car owned by Mr. Lively and driven by Dorella Lively on a narrow road was settled by purchasing the car at ceiling price of $400 and selling the same to the highest bidder for $200. The bids ranged from $125 to $200. Since Dorella Lively claimed personal injuries as well as the wrecking of a front wheel and damage to the chassis, we considered the net cost to the Town of $200 a reasonable settlement and far better course than taking the matter into court although the plow driver was apparently not at any great fault in his operation of the plow.

During the year your Board requested a survey by the New England Fire Rating Association to see what could be done to reduce fire insurance rates in this Town. An extract of their recommendation follows:

"We offer the following recommendations for improvement of fire service:

1. That a contract between the owner of the water system and the town be executed, whereby the owner agrees to properly maintain the system and to furnish water for fire protection purposes.

2. That the existing 4″ main extending east from the main supply line to Wells Corner be replaced with 6″ pipe.

3. That all hydrants be thoroughly inspected, repaired where necessary, and placed in good working condition; hydrant hose houses at the wood-working plant be removed; the system to be thoroughly tested after repairs are completed.

4. That the fire department be provided with a minimum total of 2000 feet of 2½ inch double jacketed cotton rubber lined hose. (Note: we now have about 1500 feet).

If the foregoing recommendations are carried out, we would be permitted to grade Charlemont as "D" for minimum rates on dwelling house property.

At the present time Charlemont is graded as "E"—and the existing rates for a dwelling of not more than one

apartment and of frame construction are .65 per hundred dollars per year with combustible roof covering—

Under grade "D" this same dwelling if located within 500 feet of a public hydrant and within 3 miles of the fire department station, will be subject to a rate of .31 on the building and .36 on the contents—"

The saving on the cost of insurance to one who insures for $5000 house and furniture would thus figure to be in the neighborhood of $17 per year. The cost of necessary improvements has not been accurately figured but may well come to a sum between $5,000 and $10,000. If a Water District were formed of those owners whose property comes within 500 feet of the proposed water system the cost of the District could doubtless be financed by an expenditure of no more than the above mentioned saving in insurance over a period of from three to five years, and thereafter the greater part of such saving would revert to said owners. It is suggested that in the interest of everyone in the center of town a committee be formed to look further into the matter and make recommendations as to the approximate cost and method of procedure by which such an incorporated district might be formed without additional taxation falling on those citizens who could not benefit from such improvements. The actual additional fire protection which would be afforded in addition to the financial saving is not to be lightly overlooked.

The fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the year 1947 have for the most part been doubled; making the charge for an All Alcoholic license $500, All Alcoholic Seasonal License $350 and for Package Store and Wines and Malt Licenses $200.

TOWN HALL

The Town Hall has been in almost daily use for school sports and social uses. This has resulted in an increased cost of both fuel and light as well as making it necessary to spend considerably more for janitor service in order to induce anyone to undertake the care of the building. Two janitors have already quit and it has been found necessary to raise the pay of the third in order to keep him. The hall is, however, being kept in better shape than heretofore. A much needed job of cleaning up the attic and cellar has been done. An emergency lighting system required by

law has been installed, all the windows repaired and new sashcords put on, and new roller curtains hung in the auditorium. There is still badly needed new lighting and redecoration for the auditorium as well as an improved heating system. It is estimated that a heating system would cost $900 while proper lights with the necessary rewiring would cost some $300. The cost of redecorating would depend upon what was done and no estimate of such expense has been made. It is up to the townspeople to decide how much of such improvements we can afford to make and to add an appropriate amount therefor to the usual appropriation for the Town Hall expense budget at the annual Town Meeting. It is of interest to note that the cost of heating the Hall by oil compares favorably with the former cost of heating with coal. Under today's price of coal, probably a considerable saving is effected.

HIGHWAYS

Considerable work has been done on the highways, financed under both Chapter 81 and 90 as well as the Snow, Roads and Bridges appropriation. The allocation of this work must be approved, and for the most part is laid out by the State engineers, who favor through routes to other towns, mail routes and school bus routes.

Funds for Chapter 90 work are for special new construction and maintainance thereof. The State usually contributes one half while the County and Town contribute one quarter each, though the proportion may be varied. To get these funds special request has to be made to the State and County. Under this chapter, concrete decks were placed on three bridges; Meekins Bridge and two Bridges on the South River Road. The work was done in a creditable manner by the Town at a cost somewhat under the estimate and appropriation therefore. In addition, a mile and a half of tar surface was laid on both the Zoar road and the West Hawley road.

Reference to the table printed elsewhere will show the work done under Chapter 81. The greater part of such funds were spent on widening and gravelling 1400 feet of Legate Hill Road, 1000 feet of Heath (Avery's) Road and 800 feet of Harris Mountain Road from Tinney's to Irving's place. The widening was done in order to qualify later for funds to hard surface these roads, as well as to simplify the problem of snow plowing.

Some 926 feet of new culvert were purchased at a cost of $1445.55 and for the most part installed to replace worn out culverts.

The County Commissioners have surveyed and relocated a portion of the Zoar Road from the underpass west next to the railroad track. This will necessitate the building of a new retaining wall along the tracks, which the Railroad has agreed to do; and will result in widening and straightening the road for several hundred feet. Such action will prepare the road for hard surfacing.

WELFARE

There were 9 cases receiving aid from welfare, tho only 3 cases are of a permanent nature where the recipients had legal "settlement" in this Town. For the other cases we eventually, for the most part, will be reimbursed by the State or other towns. The initial cost, which we had to pay, far exceeded the appropriation, so that transfers to this fund were several times made necessary. The cost ran high because there were several prolonged hospital cases—a contingency which it was, of course, impossible to forecast. About one half of the $2374.61 we were obliged to expend has already been returned by the State and further payments are due from other towns.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

There were some 37 cases receiving Old Age Assistance as compared with 52 cases in 1942 and 40 cases in 1945. The original expense borne by the Town was in the neighborhood of $16,000 as compared with approximately $18,000 in 1942 and $16,000 in 1945. Although the number of cases was cut a little, the expense remained about the same. This is explained by the fact that under new State laws the amounts due each individual under a new budget system were raised considerably to compensate for rising costs of living. Of the funds thus expended, $5724.59 has since been returned by the Federal Grant or through other sources, leaving the Town's contribution slightly over $10,000 or about what it has cost us for each of the last five years.

MACHINERY

The town machinery has required the expected amount of repairs throughout the year. Due to the unavailability

of a power shovel the heavy work was delayed until late fall, when one was available.

A new Mack truck has been ordered and will be delivered as soon as labor conditions allow. At a special town meeting in November $3,500 was transferred from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Maintenance Fund to provide for the purchase of this truck in case delivery were made before the end of the year. This sum now automatically reverts to the Machinery Fund and, to become available again, will have to be reappropriated at the annual town meeting.

A loader is being tried out on the Farmall tractor to load sand and snow, and seems to be very satisfactory.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

The Veteran's Service Center at Shelburne Falls has been doing a very fine job of taking care of the veteran's problems this year. The Service Officer, Mr. Scott has attended several courses of instruction as to new laws and rulings pertaining to veteran's benefits and thereby is well fitted for this work.

To date not too large a number of our returned veterans have availed themselves of the excellent facilities afforded by this center. It is desired that each veteran have his discharge photostated at the Veteran's Center so that the town, as well as the veteran, may have a photostat copy of the discharge for future reference.

Mr. Robert Scott, the Veteran's Service Officer, has been appointed agent for the Veteran's Benefits for the town. All other towns in the Veteran's Service Center organization have likewise appointed Mr. Scott their agent.

Signed

HORACE E. WARFIELD, Chairman.

CHARLES E. STREETER

LAURENCE M. PITMAN

ALLOCATION OF CHAPTER 81 HIGHWAY FUND

Road	*Dragging*	*Gravelling*	*Ledge*	*Drainage*	*Brush*	*Patching Bitum.*	*Tar Surf. Treatment*	*Misc.*	*Widening*	*Totals*
Zoar	$ 53.45	$ 44.35	.....	$ 64.19	.....	$ 57.50	$ 10.60	.....	.....	$ 230.09
Rowe	.....	.....	.....	2.84	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	12.84
North Heath	.....	.....	.....	53.65	12.00	146.40	316.25	87.05	.....	615.35
Vincent	35.22	148.20	.....	5.30	8.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	197.12
Warner Hill #1	46.40	.....	.....	2.62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.02
Warner Hill #2	56.60	368.45	73.00	68.55	8.40	.....	.....	.....	174.40	749.40
Burrington	67.52	10.80	.....	6.95	15.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.35
Center Rd. to Heath	.....	.....	.....	19.20	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.70
Mountain	221.74	572.50	5.00	54.00	66.00	.....	.....	.....	194.15	1,113.39
Mountain Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Heath	37.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.14
Birch Lane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maxwell	105.40	14.25	.....	55.45	12.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	187.70
Woods	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hicks	18.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.30
Legate Hill	136.15	840.60	.....	1,363.89	66.35	20.25	.....	12.80	302.10	2,742.14
Phipps	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Laurel Lane	34.00	26.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.25
Potter	19.40	164.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	183.90
Tower	36.35	5.65	.....	2.83	.....	10.20	.....	.....	.....	55.03
Ledge Lane	5.00	86.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91.85
Todd Mt.	.....	.....	.....	16.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.50
Cold River	8.80	14.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.80
West Hawley	.....	17.50	.....	2.84	.....	26.80	23.80	.....	.....	70.94
Chickley	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
South Chickley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South River	123.80	82.55	.....	48.00	.....	34.00	131.28	131.28	134.40	554.03
Dodge Corner	.....	.....	.....	16.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.20
East Hawley	.....	.....	.....	14.85	.....	38.75	266.45	.....	.....	320.05
Warfield	.....	.....	.....	8.70	.....	76.20	266.35	.....	.....	351.25
Colonial Hill	7.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.15
Riddell	68.80	40.70	.....	6.95	.....	5.00	105.40	52.75	.....	279.60
High Street	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	4.00	142.50	.....	.....	153.50
Heath	64.35	2,699.65	.....	68.30	.....	34.00	.....	622.10	.....	3,561.90
Burnt Hill	24.23	.....	.....	11.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.33
West Ox-Bow	94.85	.....	.....	22.60	39.34	.....	.....	.....	.....	156.79
East Ox-Bow	58.55	175.10	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	263.65
River View	28.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.85
North River	99.35	.....	.....	69.17	21.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	189.52

Colrain	5.00	.....	.....	.....	4.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.20
Johnson	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00
South Street	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
East Harmony	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	49.10	.....	.....	59.10
North Street	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Academy Lane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.20	32.05	.....	.....	65.25
Elm Street	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Mill Hollow	.....	.....	.....	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.00
Harmony Ave.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	20.60	.....	.....	25.60
Rice Fort	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	19.00	.....	.....	24.00
Park Street	18.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.65
Factory	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
School Street	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00
Hawks	10.00	8.75	.....	22.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.15
Rowe Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maple Terrace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	55.85	.....	.....	60.85
Windy Hill	5.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.30
Hillandale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	63.18	.....	.....	68.18
Signs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$1,500.35	$5,320.65	$ 78.00	$2,062.08	$ 330.37	$ 551.30	$1,502.41	$ 909.10	$ 670.65	$ 12,924.91

MACHINERY EARNINGS

	Chapt. 81	Chapt. 90	Chapt. 90 C	S.Rd.& Brs.	Mach.	Tn. Hawley	Tn. Rowe	School Dept.	Total
Pickup	$ 153.40	$ 6.00	$ 50.80	$ 16.40	.60	.....	.....	.....	$ 227.20
Truck No. 2	810.70	67.10	129.80	191.40	.....	47.10	.....	.....	1,246.10
Truck No. 3	369.60	58.30	.....	119.90	.....	47.10	.....	.....	594.90
T-20 Tractor	.....	.....	.....	214.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	214.50
T-35 Tractor	.....	.....	.....	166.50	.....	.....	15.00	.....	181.50
Plow No. 2	.....	.....	.....	66.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	66.50
Plow No. 3	.....	.....	.....	56.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	56.00
T-20 Plow	.....	.....	.....	71.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	71.50
T-35 Plow	.....	.....	.....	55.50	.....	.....	5.00	.....	60.50
Farmall Tractor	333.00	28.50	.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....	6.00	372.00
Bulldozer	740.00	2.50	52.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	797.50
Sander	.....	2.50	.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00
Grader	51.50	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55.50
Rake	9.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.10
Maintainer	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00
	$2,473.30	$ 168.90	$ 233.10	$ 969.20	$ .60	$ 94.20	$ 20.00	$ 8.50	$3,967.80

CHAPTER 81, MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriate Share	$ 2,350.00	
State Contract	10,575.00	
Superintendent (3)		$ 1,263.80
Labor		3,419.50
Town Equipment		2,473.30
Hired Equipment		2,873.50
Gravel and Sand		659.30
Oil and Tar		1,273.21
New England Metal Culvert		903.80
Railing		21.50
Dynamite and Caps		37.00
Credit balance		.90
	$12,925.00	$12,925.00

CHAPTER 90, MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriate Share	$ 500.00	
State Contract	250.00	
County Contract	750.00	
Superintendent (2)		$ 48.00
Labor		192.70
Town Equipment		168.90
Hired Equipment		215.00
Oil and Tar		758.33
Sand		6.00
Broken Stone		111.00
Credit balance		.07
	$1,500.00	$1,500.00

CHAPTER 90, CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriate Share	$1,000.00	
State Contract	2,000.00	
County Contract	1,000.00	
Superintendent		$ 263.00
Labor		1,355.65
Town Equipment		233.10
Hired Equipment		49.00
Tar		66.00
Construction Service Co.		724.20
Miscellaneous Supplies (Paint, plywood, lumber, nails etc.)		263.40
Express		9.63
Steel		622.97

Credit balance		413.05
	$4,000.00	$4,000.00

SNOW ROADS AND BRIDGES

Town Appropriation	$4,000.00	
Superintendent (3)		$ 515.00
Labor Payroll		1,387.00
Town Equipment		969.20
Hired Equipment		13.00
John Dimick, railing		45.00
Frank J. Wells, supplies		1.80
W. N. Potter, Inc., supplies		41.00
Aubrey L. Rice, supplies		108.93
Miscellaneous items		2.80
Credit balance		916.27
	$4,000.00	$4,000.00

MACHINERY

Town Appropriation	$4,000.00	
Town Appropriation (Specvial Meeting 11-6-46)	3,500.00	
Superintendent (3)		$ 236.60
Labor Payroll		525.30
Town Equipment		.60
Gulf Oil Corp., gasoline		635.21
Christine Turner, rent		300.00
Northern Berkshire Gas Co., lights		12.00
Harry L. Purinton, supplies		32.23
Howard R. Jenkins, labor and supplies		327.16
Alfred F. Gingras, labor and supplies		160.00
C. H. Willey, labor and supplies		255.80
Harold B. Allen, supplies		1.36
Harrison Raymond, labor		.75
Frank J. Wells, supplies		45.14
George Wilcox, supplies		41.72
Franklin Lumber Co., labor and supplies		11.94
Harold Brown, supplies		.67
American Oil, supplies		148.45
Franklin Auto Supply, supplies		29.85
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		28.21
Frank W. Hance, supplies		1.00
S. G. Gould, supplies		11.02
Fred G. Huntley, supplies		36.50
Ellsworth Service Station, supplies		5.40
Brighton Steel Co., Inc., supplies		418.21
Empire Steel Co., supplies		111.79

New England Metal Culvert Co., supplies		25.48
R. C. Hazelton Co., supplies		449.58
Registry of Motor Vehicles		12.00
Filing saws and purchase of one		15.00
Express		8.51
Credit balance		3,612.52
	$7,500.00	$7,500.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST PATROL

Town Appropriation	$1,000.00	
Transferred from reserve	63.52	
Ellsworth Service Station, fuel		$ 139.05
Northern Berkshire Gas Co., lights		21.82
Frank J. Wells, supplies		7.60
S. G. Gould, labor and supplies		154.72
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc., supplies		39.02
Edgar Tower, labor		18.75
H. A. Hicks Ins. Co., insurance for firemen		125.45
S. O Austin, supplies		90.08
David G. Deane		225.83
Commissioner of Public Safety, boiler insp.		5.00
Buffalo Fire Appliance Corp., supplies		5.50
Herman Harris, labor and supplies		6.52
D. A. Lanoue, labor and supplies		18.33
Labor Payroll		175.00
Howard R. Jenkins, labor and supplies		30.85
	$1,063.52	$1,063.52

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Transferred from reserve	250.00	
Federal Grants for 1946	109.07	
1 Case		$ 529.75
Federal Grant balance carried to January 1, 1947		1.47
Credit balance		77.85
	$ 609.07	$ 609.07

MISCELLANEOUS

Town Appropriation	$ 1,250.00	
Selectmen's expense		$ 92.00
Town Clerk's expense		5.45
Treasurer's expense		88.79
Assessor's expense		71.33
Tax Collector's expense		76.05

Sealer's expense		7.74
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.		41.75
Town Reports (300)		254.50
Printing Ballots		14.17
Dog Officer		1.00
Damage Claim		400.00
Greenfield Recorder-Gazette		18.75
Frank J. Wells, water rent		25.00
Charles Churchill, water rent		6.00
All other expenses		3.55
Credit balance		143.92
	$ 1,250.00	$ 1,250.00

TOWN HALL

Town Appropriation	$ 1,200.00	
Transferred from reserve	34.40	
Salary of Janitor (3)		$ 399.89
Northern Berkshire Gas, lights		117.39
Ellsworth Service Station, fuel		440.40
Frank J. Wells, supplies		16.43
S. G. Gould, labor and supplies		34.43
M. C. Gould, clock repair		11.50
A. L. Avery & Son, supplies		.47
Labor Payroll, repairs		30.40
Laurence M. Pitman, supplies		.90
Gray's Drapery Shop, supplies		53.40
Commissioner of Public Safety, boiler insp.		5.00
Tuning piano		13.45
D. A. Lanoue, labor and supplies		92.14
Franklin Lumber Co., supplies		6.10
Frank J. Wells, water rent		10.00
Lawn mower repair		2.50
	$ 1,234.40	$ 1,234.40

OFFICERS' SALARIES

Town Appropriation	$ 3,250.00	
Horace E. Warfield, selectman		$ 300.00
Charles E. Streeter, selectman		300.00
Laurence M. Pitman, selectman		300.00
Mary L. Carpenter, town clerk		125.00
Mary L. Carpenter, treasurer		300.00
Fred O. Bicknell, tax collector (of this $100 is 1945 back salary)		500.00
Francis W. Avery, assessor		225.00
Winifred E. Spear, assessor		225.00

Stanton Kendrick, sealer of wts. and measures		60.00
Ernest W. Payne, inspector of slaughtering		19.85
Charles E. Streeter, inspector of slaughtering		19.10
Charles E. Streeter, inspector of animals		50.00
Election officers, ballot clerks and tellers		64.00
Horace E. Warfield, moderator		5.00
Horace E. Warfield, police duties		10.00
Beda Langevin, typing		2.00
Fred O. Bicknell, constable—posting of warrants		33.00
Phyllis L. Heist, clerk		431.98
Frank J. Wells, fire chief		25.00
Credit balance		255.07
	$ 3,250.00	$ 3,250.00

STREET LIGHTS

Town Appropriation	$ 1,122.00	
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.		$ 1,122.00
	$ 1,122.00	$ 1,122.00

LEGION ROOM

Town Appropriation	$ 150.00	
D. A. Lanoue, rent		$ 150.00
	$ 150.00	$ 150.00

RED CROSS NURSE SERVICE

Town Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Franklin Co. Chapt. Am. Red Cross (L. Peterson)		$ 425.00
Credit balance		175.00
	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

WELFARE

Town Appropriation	$ 1,500.00	
Transferred from reserve	774.61	
Voted from free cash (Special Meeting 6:26:46)	500.00	
Transferred to Soldier's Benefits (Special Meeting 5:29:46)		$ 400.00
8 Cases		2,297.61
Town of Buckland		74.00
Boston Council of Social Agencies		3.00
	$ 2,774.61	$ 2,774.61

SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Transferred from Welfare (Special Meeting 5:29:46)	400.00	
Transferred from reserve	70.10	
1 Case		$ 719.90
Credit balance		.20
	$ 720.10	$ 720.10

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 10,000.00	
1 Cancelled check	17.55	
Transferred from Reserve	29.21	
Federal Grants 1946	5,724.59	
Amount overdrawn	186.48	
37 Cases		$ 15,957.83
	$ 15,957.83	$ 15,957.83

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Federal balance on hand January 1, 1946	$ 208.73	
Federal grants during 1946	179.36	
Phyllis L. Heist, Acting Agent - salary and clerical		$ 236.61
Phyllis L. Heist, transportation		24.37
Supplies and Registered Mail		15.12
Balance carried to January 1, 1947		111.99
	$ 388.09	$ 388.09

LIBRARY

Town Appropriation	$ 337.11	
Interest on Trust Funds	35.15	
LaVerne C. Smith, salary		$ 150.00
Sarah Jane Murray, salary		50.00
Personal Book Shop, Inc., supplies		47.64
H. R. Hutting Co., supplies		86.16
George H. Frary, supplies		3.00
Mayfair Agency, subscriptions		24.30
National Geographic Society, subscription		4.25
Credit balance		6.91
	$ 372.26	$ 372.26

TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town Appropriation	$ 180.00	
Leslie R. Dunlop, labor		$ 17.50
Credit balance		162.50
	$ 180.00	$ 180.00

TOWN PROPERTY INSURANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 324.20	
Walter H. Smith		$ 324.20
	$ 324.20	$ 324.20

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Co.		100.00
Credit balance		150.00
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation	$ 100.00	
Henry A. Hicks Ins. Co.		73.50
Credit balance		26.50
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

INTEREST

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Credit balance		$ 25.00
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

BRIDGE NOTE AND INTEREST

Town Appropriation	$ 1,089.92	
National Shawmut Bank of Boston		$ 1,089.92
	$ 1,089.92	$ 1,089.92

GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION

Town Appropriation	$ 200.00	
Roy Hicks, superintendent		79.00
Labor Payroll		120.40
Credit balance		.60
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Town Appropriation	$ 250.00	
Dr. George K. Gould, diphtheria clinic		$ 39.00
Dr. Nadas, well child clinic		50.00
Town of Greenfield, Isolation Hospital		30.48
Credit balance		130.52
	$ 250.00	$ 250.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation	$ 100.00	
F. F. Adams, speaker		$ 25.00
F. H. Brown, supplies		21.60
First National Stores, supplies		1.74
Mrs. Harry Clark, wreaths		15.00
Renton Baking Co., supplies		7.50
Kirkwood Bros., Inc., krag blanks		14.00
Cecil H. Kennedy, supplies		4.20
Charlemont High School Drum Corp., services		10.96
	$ 100.00	$ 100.00

CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

Town Appropriation	$ 75.00	
Mildred F. Maclean, gifts, etc.		$ 29.10
Frank J. Wells, candy and oranges		17.20
Credit balance		28.70
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00

OLD CEMETERIES

Town Appropriation	$ 25.00	
Treas. Leavitt Cemetery		$ 3.00
Charles S. Churchill, labor		5.50
Ray Hicks, labor		6.50
Credit balance		10.00
	$ 25.00	$ 25.00

HONOR ROLL

Town Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Unexpended and carried forward for expenditure in 1947		$ 500.00
	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

POST WAR FUND

Town Appropriation	$ 4,000.00	
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank		$ 4,000.00
	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00

PIONEER VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Town Appropriation	$ 45.00	
Subscription fund raised by townspeople	$ 45.00	
Pioneer Valley Association		$ 90.00
	$ 90.00	$ 90.00

WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION

Town Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Transferred from reserve	28.16	
Speaker		$ 50.00
Printing		30.70
Herman Buchholtz, decorations		31.87
A. K. Dally, dinners		172.89
Orchestra		70.00
Robbins Co., medals		132.51
Miscellaneous expenses		6.34
Ice Cream and coke		33.85
	$ 528.16	$ 528.16

RESERVE FUND

Town Appropriation	$1,250.00	
Soldier's Benefits		$ 70.10
Welfare Account		774.61
Aid to Dependent Children		250.00
Town Hall		34.40
Fire Department		63.52
Old Age Assistance		28.16
Welcome Home Celebration		29.21
	$ 1,250.00	$ 1,250.00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

County Treasurer, dog licenses	$ 208.40
County Treasurer, County Tax	2,632.73
State Treasurer, State Tax	750.00
State Treasurer, Park and Reservation	52.10
	$ 4,042.03
	$ 4,042.03

WITHHOLDING TAX

Collector of Internal Revenue	$ 1,889.90

MOTOR EXCISE REFUNDS

Cyrus L. Liese, Jr.	$ 3.39
Gervin D. Pleshaw	1.19
Florence N. Young	1.19
	$ 5.77

VETERAN POLL TAX REFUNDS

25 refunds	$ 50.00

CEMETERY FUNDS

Treasurer Leavitt Cemetery	$ 7.00
Treasurer of Village Cemetery	20.00
	$ 27.00

REFUNDS

Fred O. Bicknell, over payment of taxes	$ 13.28
Alfred R. Kenyon, overpayment of Teacher's Retirement	20.87
	$ 34.15

TYLER LIBRARY FUNDS

Franklin Savings Institution	$ 97.62

WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER

Western Franklin Veterans Service Center	$ 245.00

RECAPITULATION

Chapter 81 Maintenance	$ 12,924.91
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,499.93
Chapter 90 Construction	3,586.95
Snow Roads and Bridges	3,083.73
Machinery	3,887.48
Fire Department and Forest Patrol	1,063.52
Welfare	2,374.61
Soldier's Benefits	719.90
Old Age Assistance	15,957.83
Old Age Administration	276.10
Aid to Dependent Children	529.75
Miscellaneous	1,106.08
Town Hall	1,234.40
Officers' Salaries	2,994.93
Street Lights	1,122.00
Legion Room	150.00
Red Cross Nursing Service	425.00
Library	365.35
Tyler Memorial Library	17.50
Town Property Insurance	324.20
Workman's Compensation Insurance	100.00
Bonding Town Officers	73.50
Bridge Note and Interest	1,089.92
Gypsy Moth Suppression	199.40
Board of Health	119.48
Memorial Day	100.00
Christmas Tree Fund	46.30
Old Cemeteries	15.00
Post War Fund	4,000.00
Pioneer Valley Association	90.00
Welcome Home Celebration	528.16
State and County Taxes	4,042.03
Withholding Tax	1,889.90
Motor Excise Refunds	5.77
Veteran Poll Tax Refunds	50.00
Refunds	34.15
Tyler Library Funds	97.62
Western Franklin Veterans Service Center	245.00
Cemetery Funds	27.00
	$ 66,397.40

AUDITOR'S REPORT

January 22, 1947

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Horace E. Warfield, Chairman

Charlemont, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Charlemont for the period from November 23, 1945, to December 14, 1946, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
Director of Accounts.

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Mr. Francis X. Lang

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Charlemont for the period from November 23, 1945, the date of the previous examination, to December 14, 1946, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified.

The receipts from licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the record of licenses granted and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the town clerk, treasurer, and tax collector were examined and found to be in proper form.

The appropriations, as voted by the town meetings, were listed from the records of the town clerk and were compared with the aggregate amount raised by the assessors in the determination of the tax rate.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts from dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses issued, and the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified. The cash on hand on December 14, 1946 was proved by actual count.

The record of charges for the use of town-owned highway equipment were checked with the payrolls of the highway department and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants. The cash book footings were verified and the cash balance on December 14, 1946 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office, by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit, and by inspection of the savings bank book representing a special deposit of a part of the general cash.

The records of payroll deductions for federal taxes were examined and checked. The weekly deductions were listed and proved, the payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the depository were verified, and the cash in the general treasury was proved.

The tax title records in the custody of the treasurer were checked with the collector's books and with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of trust and investment funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were verified.

The payments on account of debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due during the period of the audit, and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants. The recorded collections were checked to the commitment lists, the cash books were added, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were checked, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash balance on December 14, 1946 was proved by actual count.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts as listed are correct.

A determined effort should be made by the collector to clear all prior years' taxes which date back to 1942.

The records of receipts by the librarian were checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified and the cash on hand on December 31, 1946 being proved by actual count.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the record of fees charged, and the pay ments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of bills sent out for collection by the fire, public welfare, and school departments were examined and checked. The records of charges were compared with audited payrolls and duplicate bills on file, the collections as recorded were checked with the payments to the treasurer,

the abatements and disallowances were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records relative to the hot lunch project at the high school were examined and checked. The recorded collections and the payments by the manager of the cafeteria were verified, and the cash on hand on December 14, 1946 was proved by actual count.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 14, 1946.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and collector's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

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RECONCILIATION OF TAX COLLECTOR'S CASH

Cash balances December 14, 1946, per tables:				
Taxes 1944,		$ 2.00		
Taxes 1945,		3.01		
Taxes 1946,		8.00		
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1945,		1.69		
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1946,		6.00		
Interest on taxes,		.11		
			$	20.81
Overpayments to treasurer, to be refunded:				
Taxes 1944,	$ 2.37			
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1946,	10.91			
		$ 13.28		
Cash in office December 14, 1946, verified,		4.00		
Due from collector December 14, 1946,		3.53		
			$	20.81

TAXES — 1942

Outstanding November 23, 1945, per previous audit,		$	4.00
Abatements November 23 to December 31, 1945,	$ 2.00		
Outstanding December 31, 1945 and December 14, 1946, per list,	2.00		
		$	4.00

TAXES — 1943

Outstanding November 23, 1945, per previous audit,		$	6.64
Outstanding December 31, 1945,		$	6.64
Outstanding January 1, 1946,		$	6.64
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$ 2.00		
Outstanding December 14, 1946, per list,	4.64		
		$	6.64

TAXES — 1944

Outstanding November 23, 1945, per previous audit,		$	577.75
Payments to treasurer November 23 to December 31, 1945,	$ 113.89		
Outstanding December 31, 1945,	463.86		
		$	577.75
Outstanding January 1, 1946,	$ 463.86		
Overpayment to treasurer, to be refunded,	2.37		
		$	466.23
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$ 360.66		
Abatements January 1 to December 14, 1946,	66.00		
Tax titles taken January 1 to December 14, 1946,	11.55		
Outstanding December 14, 1946, per list,	26.02		
Cash balance December 14, 1946,	2.00		
		$	466.23

TAXES — 1945

Outstanding November 23, 1945, per previous audit,	$ 3,368.30		
Additional commitment November 23 to December 31, 1945, per warrant,	21.50		
		$	3,389.80
Payments tot reasurer November 23 to December 31, 1945,	$ 759.33		
Outstanding December 31, 1945,	2,630.47		
		$	3,389.80

Outstanding January 1, 1946,		$ 2,630.47
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$ 2,452.52	
Abatements January 1 to December 14, 1946,	2.00	
Tax titles taken January 1 to December 14, 1946,	13.65	
Outstanding December 14, 1946, per list,	159.29	
Cash balance December 14, 1946,	3.01	
		$ 2,630.47

TAXES — 1946

Commitment per warrants,	$ 32,073.28	
Additional commitment January 1 to December 14, 1946,	86.00	
Abatement after payment refunded January 1 to December 14, 1946,	2.00	
		$ 32,161.28
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$ 29,289.32	
Abatements January 1 to December 14, 1946,	133.25	
Added to tax titles January 1 to December 14, 1946,	12.25	
Outstanding December 14, 1946, per list,	2,718.46	
Cash balance December 14, 1946,	8.00	
		$ 32,161.28

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1940

Outstanding November 23, 1945, per previous audit,	$ 2.00
Outstanding December 31, 1945,	$ 2.00
Outstanding January 1, 1946,	$ 2.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$ 2.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1942

Outstanding November 23, 1945, per previous audit,	$ 2.00
Outstanding December 31, 1945,	$ 2.00
Outstanding January 1, 1946,	$ 2.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$ 2.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1944

Outstanding November 23, 1945, per previous audit,		$ 2.04
Outstanding December 31, 1945,		$ 2.04
Outstanding January 1, 1946,		$ 2.04
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$ 2.00	
Outstanding December 14, 1946, per list,	.04	
		$ 2.04

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1945

Outstanding November 23, 1945, per previous audit,	$	42.63	
Additional commitment November 23 to December 31, 1945,		74.55	
			$ 117.18
Payments to treasurer November 23 to December 31, 1945,	$	.85	
Outstanding December 31, 1945,		116.33	
			$ 117.18
Outstanding January 1, 1946,	$	116.33	
Abatements after payment refunded January 1 to December 14, 1946,		3.36	
Abatement after payment to be refunded,		.03	
			$ 119.72
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$	93.74	
Abatements January 1 to December 14, 1946,		15.44	
Outstanding December 14, 1946, per list,		8.85	
Cash balance December 14, 1946,		1.69	
			$ 119.72

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1946

Commitment per warrants January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$	1,166.46	
Abatements after payment refunded January 1 to December 14, 1946,		2.38	
Overpayments to treasurer, to be refunded,		10.91	
			$ 1,179.75
Payments to treasurer January 1 to December 14, 1946,	$	942.50	
Abatements January 1 to December 14, 1946,		2.38	
Outstanding December 14, 1946, per list,		228.87	
Cash balance December 14, 1946,		6.00	
			$ 1,179.75

INTEREST AND COSTS ON TAXES

Cash balance November 23, 1945, per previous audit,		$ .32	
Collections November 23, 1945 to December 14, 1946:			
Interest:			
Taxes 1943,	$ 1.69		
Taxes 1944,	24.99		
Taxes 1945,	60.53		
Taxes 1946,	2.12		
		89.33	

Costs:			
Taxes 1945,		1.35	
			$ 91.00
Payments to treasurer:			
November 23 to December 31, 1945:			
Interest,		$ 9.69	
January 1 to December 14, 1946:			
Interest,	$79.85		
Costs,	1.35		
		81.20	
Cash balance December 14, 1946:			
Interest:			
Taxes 1944,		.11	
			$ 91.00

TAX TITLES

Tax titles taken January 1 to December 14, 1946:			
Taxes 1944,	$11.55		
Taxes 1945,	13.65		
Interest and costs,	7.65		
		$ 32.85	
Added to tax titles January 1 to December 14, 1946:			
Taxes 1946,		12.25	
			$ 45.10
Balance December 14, 1946, per list,			$ 45.10

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

Balance Sheet — December 14, 1946

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:		
General,	$ 24,871.47	
Surplus War Bonus,	996.78	
		$ 25,868.25
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1942,	$ 2.00	
Levy of 1943,	4.64	
Levy of 1944,	25.65	
Levy of 1945,	162.30	
Levy of 1946,	2,726.46	
		2,921.05
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1944,	$ .04	
Levy of 1945,	10.51	
Levy of 1946,	223.96	
		234.51

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Federal Withholding Tax — Payroll Deductions,		$ 13.30
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations,		996.78
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,		295.16
Trust Fund Income:		
Leonard School,	$ 129.44	
Tyler Library,	376.90	
Potter Cemetery,	10.00	
		516.34
Federal Grants:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance,	$ 1.47	
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance,	558.85	
Administration,	134.79	
		695.11
Excess from Tax Sale, Section 79, Chapter 60, General Laws,		119.93

Tax Titles,		45.10
Tax Possessions,		60.06
Departmental:		
Fire,	$ 7.50	
Welfare,	174.00	
Aid to Dependent Children,	95.13	
Schools,	607.00	
		883.63
Aid to Highways:		
State,	$ 11,968.53	
County,	1,250.00	
		13,218.53
Estimated Receipts to be Collected,		918.36
Underestimates to be Raised:		
State Parks and Reservations Tax,	$ 19.54	
County Tax,	53.81	
		73.35

Unexpended Balances:		
General,	$ 11,910.42	
Deerfield River Bridge,	1,160.21	
Veterans' Service District,	122.50	
Permanent Honor Roll,	500.00	
Veterans' Homecoming Celebration,	104.35	
Purchase and Installation of New Boiler — Village School,	179.84	
School Cafeteria,	77.66	
		14,054.98
Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus,		1,161.05
Overlays Reserved for Abatement:		
Levy of 1942,	$ 2.00	
Levy of 1943,	4.64	
Levy of 1944,	25.65	
Levy of 1945,	162.30	
Levy of 1946,	171.76	
		366.35
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,	$ 234.51	
Tax Title,	105.16	
Departmental	883.63	
State and County Aid to Highways,	13,218.53	
		14,441.83

Overdrawn Accounts:			Surplus Revenue:	
Highways — Chapter 81,	$759.11		Current Year,	$ 86.00
Road Machinery Fund,	20.10		Prior Years,	12,255.22
		779.21		12,341.22
		$ 45,002.05		$ 45,002.05

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	$ 8,000.00	Deerfield River Bridge Loan,	$ 8,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds,		Stephen Leonard School Fund,	$ 2,869.00
Cash and Securities,	$ 22,719.71	Maxwell Library Fund,	1,000.00
		Fred W. Hawks Library Fund,	1,000.00
		Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund,	4,838.83
		Potter Cemetery Fund,	1,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	636.27
		*Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	11,375.61
			$ 22,719.71
	$ 22,719.71		

* Includes $295.16 in general treasury.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, 1946

RECEIPTS

General Cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1946	$ 35,720.37	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and accumulation	977.15	
County Treasurer, Dog license refund	298.66	
Town Clerk, Dog license fees	208.40	
Sarah Jane Murray, Library fines	18.60	
Fred W. Hawkes, Library Fund interest	15.05	
Maxwell Library Fund interest	20.10	
Tyler Memorial House rent	180.00	
Tyler Memorial Garden rent	3.00	
Tyler Estate, Sale of Oil Burner	50.00	
Tyler Estate Income	97.62	
All Alcoholic Licenses	2,750.00	
Package Store License	300.00	
Licenses and Permits other than liquor	152.00	
Advertisements in Recorder-Gazette	30.50	
S. W. Hawkes, Cemetery Fund, care of lot	3.00	
F. M. Legate, Cemetery Fund, care of lot	4.00	
Potter Cemetery Fund, interest	20.00	
Stanton Kendrick, Sealer's fees	18.27	
Town Hall rent, School Office	150.00	
Town Hall rent, Red Cross	300.00	
Town Hall rent, Entertainments	9.00	
Withholding Tax	1,889.90	
State Treasurer, Income Tax	4,657.50	
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax	1,910.72	
State Treasurer, Meal Tax	578.64	
State Treasurer, Reimbursement for loss of taxes	299.13	
J. B. Temple, Balance Medical Equipment Fund of the Civilian Defense Program	14.83	
Telephone Refund	1.00	
Teacher's Retirement refund	20.87	
Sale of Automobile (Credit on damage claim)	200.00	
Collection from Individuals for Pioneer Valley Association	45.00	
Sale of Stove to American Legion	3.00	
Waste Paper	4.00	
School Boiler	5.00	
Dept. of Agriculture, Disease Control	25.00	
		$ 50,980.31

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town of Rowe, Services of Fire Department	$ 16.25	
Town of Hawley, Services of Fire Department	17.50	
Fire House Furnace, Sidney Feder	50.00	
John Woffenden	2.00	
		$ 85.75

SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, School Fund, income year 1945	$ 4,456.38	
State Treasurer, School Superintendent	902.21	
State Treasurer, Vocational education	50.00	
State Treasurer, High School Tuition	1,975.00	
Town of Hawley, School tuition	1,244.00	
Town of Heath, School tuition	216.00	
Town of Rowe, School tuition	156.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund interest	53.18	
D. C. Heath & Company, refund	9.08	
School Lunch	1,255.53	
		$ 10,317.38

TAXES

1943 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	$ 2.00	
1944 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	370.50	
1945 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	2,495.31	
1946 Real Estate, Personal, and Poll Taxes	29,729.31	
1940 Motor Excise Taxes	2.00	
1942 Motor Excise Taxes	2.00	
1944 Motor Excise Taxes	2.04	
1945 Motor Excise Taxes	95.43	
1946 Motor Excise Taxes	1,030.88	
Tax Collector's fees and costs	1.35	
		$ 33,730.82

INTEREST

Tax Interest	$ 86.90	
Interest on U. S. Bond	112.50	
Surplus War Bond Interest	19.63	
		$ 219.03

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer, State	$ 7,124.57
State Treasurer, U. S. Grant	5,724.59

State Treasurer, for cost administration	195.61	
State Treasurer, Temporary Aid and Transportation	291.18	
Town of Buckland	165.81	
Town of Bedford	153.09	
Town of Deerfield	36.90	
Town of Hawley	52.69	
Town of Colrain	137.15	
Town of Conway	24.63	
City of Gardner	4.25	
Returned Check	17.55	
		$ 13,928.02

WELFARE

State Treasurer, Support of Indigent Persons	$ 797.91	
Town of Hawley	321.90	
Town of Bedford	31.80	
Town of Deerfield	45.38	
		$ 1,196.99

BOARD OF HEALTH

Individual Reimbursement	$ 128.00	
		$ 128.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

State Treasurer, U. S. Grant	$ 118.79	
		$ 118.79

HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Public Works Division of Highways	$ 8,996.66	
State Treasurer, Highway Fund, Chapter 719, Acts of 1945	3,034.23	
State Treasurer, Chapter 90, Maintenance	249.99	
County Treasurer, Chapter 90, Bridge Construction	896.74	
Town of Rowe, Repair of Florida Bridge	49.18	
		$ 13,226.80

MACHINERY EARNINGS

Town Equipment, Snow Roads and Bridges	$ 969.20
Town Equipment, Chapter 81	2,473.30
Town Equipment, Chapter 90, Maintenance	168.90
Town Equipment, Chapter 90, Bridge	233.10

Town Equipment, Town of Hawley	94.20	
Town of Rowe, Snow Plowing	20.00	
School Boiler removal	8.50	
Machinery	.60	
Roy Hicks	4.00	
Leslie Vincent	2.00	
Socony Vacuum Oil Drum, Refund	3.05	
		$ 3,976.85
		$127,908.74

PAYMENTS

Selectmen's Warrants	$ 66,397.40	
School Warrants	31,238.18	
School Lunch Warrants	1,017.85	
General Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1946	28,258.53	
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulation	996.78	
		$127,908.74

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer.

TOWN FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER

December 31, 1946

The Maxwell Library Fund	$ 1,000.00	
Fred W. Hawkes, Library Fund	1,000.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund	2,869.00	
Potter Cemetery Fund	1,000.00	
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund	258.60	
F. M. Legate Cemetery Fund	211.65	
Philemon Rice Cemetery Fund	166.02	
Fred L. Tyler Memorial Library Fund	1,438.83	
Post War Program Fund	6,080.45	
U. S. Treasury Bond and Accumulation	5,295.16	
		$ 19,319.71

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1946	Name	Parents
Jan. 3	Janice Virginia Taylor	Theron S. Taylor, Jr. Virginia Raymond, Taylor
Feb. 5	Annie Ethel Harris	Herman F. Harris Esther G. Powell, Harris
Apri. 13	Bonnie Jo Radasch	Edmund John Radasch, Jr. Virginia Wells, Radasch
May 1	Cathy Louise Doyle	Martin W. Doyle Ann E. Goodwin, Doyle
May 7	Ruth Vivian Sherman	James W. Sherman Viola V. Lawrence, Sherman
May 11	Barbara Jane Murray	Harold E. Murray Sarah J. Clarke, Murray
May 12	Thomas Simen Norwood	Harry S. Norwood Marion L. LaClaire, Norwood
July 6	Heather Albee	John Elliott Albee Isabella McHaffie, Albee
July 9	Arthur Wilfred Gingras	Arthur W. Gingras Lillian G. Bennett, Gingras
Aug. 1	Ronald Keith Harmon	John M. Harmon Marie Peters, Harmon
Sept. 26	Richard Louis Holcomb, Jr.	Richard L. Holcomb Willene Rogers, Holcomb

COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
12	14	16	10	11

MARRIAGES

1946	Name	Residence
Feb. 13	Calvin P. Taylor	Charlemont, Mass.
	Barbara J. Hawkes	Charlemont, Mass.
Apr. 19	William H. Lloyd, Jr.	Charlemont, Mass.
	Lois Ellen Haines	Windsor, Vt.

Apr. 20—	Richard Emil Rubin	Colrain, Mass.
	Ruth E. Lanoue	Charlemont, Mass.
Apr. 21—	Ira R. Dickson	Douglaston, L. I., N .Y.
	Melba Degonveia Lincoln	New York City, N. Y.
Apr. 22—	Frederick J. Brown	Shelburne Falls, Mass.
	Christine Edna Pike	Charlemont, Mass.
May 1—	William E. Hallahan	Charlemont, Mass.
	Veronica A. Loftus	North Adams, Mass.
July 2—	Robert Henry Sinclair	Shelburne Falls, Mass.
	Kathleen Lees Daignault	Charlemont, Mass.
July 22—	Leon E. Jepson	Charlemont, Mass.
	Emma A. Gould	Charlemont, Mass.
Sept. 13—	Donald Hawkes	Conway, Mass.
	Phylis Leora Howes	Charlemont, Mass.
Sept. 14—	George Elmer Burdick	Charlemont, Mass.
	Ruth Edith Irish	Dalton, Mass.
Sept. 19—	Roland Dostie	Charlemont, Mass.
	Jacqueline Daignault	Charlemont, Mass.
Sept. 28—	Russell Darwin Burdick	Charlemont, Mass.
	Gloria Ann Eaton	Greenfield, Mass.
Oct. 12—	Floyd A. Rice, Jr.	Charlemont, Mass.
	Josephine Lynch	Charlemont, Mass.
Oct 12—	Frederick A. Smith	Heath, Mass.
	Margaret E. Clark	Charlemont, Mass.
Oct. 12—	George H. Haly	Williamstown, Mass.
	Grace Dickinson Jones	Williamstown, Mass.
Nov. 4—	Robert H. Sears	Charlemont, Mass.
	Forest Jane Creek	Charlemont, Mass.
Nov. 9—	Albert Francis Dewhurst, Jr.	Belchertown, Mass.
	Eleanor Mae Thompson	Charlemont, Mass.

COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
15	6	9	6	17

DEATHS

1946	Name	Age Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 16	Frank L. Johnson	79	10	4
Mar. 13	Lucy Williams Osborn	80	7	9
Apr. 12	Mary E. Clement Herzig	78	1	8
Apr. 26	Lula Jaynes Lincoln	79	4	9
June 8	Fred Guerin	64	1	15
June 18	George Lemuel Bolton	75	4	5
July 18	Ida E. Weed Ashton	77	2	0
Aug. 8	Robert Clinton Cortis	16	9	15
Oct. 13	Ernest Royal Sears	78	2	9
Oct. 17	Ernest Walter Payne	77	6	21

COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
11	11	16	14	10

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92 DOG LICENSES ISSUED
1 KENNEL LICENSE

48 Male Dog Licenses at $2.00	$ 96.00	
38 Spayed Female Licenses at $2.00	76.00	
6 Female Licenses at $5.00	30.00	
1 Kennel License at $25.00	25.00	
		$ 227.00
Paid Town Treasurer	$ 208.40	
Fees Retained	18.60	
		$ 227.00

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374 FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED

20 Resident Citizens' Sporting and Trapping Licenses to persons seventy or more years old	Free
9 Resident Citizens' Military or Naval Sporting Licenses	Free
2 Non-Resident Military or Naval Licenses at $2.00	$ 4.00
54 Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses at $2.00	108.00
103 Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $2.00	206.00
96 Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses at $3.25	312.00

50	Resident Citizens' Minor & Female Licenses at $1.25	62.50	
7	Resident Citizens' Trapping Licenses at $5.25	36.75	
19	Special Non-Resident Citizens' 3-Day Fishing Licenses at $1.50	28.50	
1	Non-Resident Citizens' Minor Fishing License at $2.25	2.25	
6	Non-Resident Citizens' Fshing Licenses at $5.25	31.50	
2	Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses at $10.25	20.50	
5	Duplicate Licenses at $.50	2.50	
			$ 814.50

Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	$ 729.50	
Fees retained	85.00	
		$ 814.50

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

1946

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Committee Members

Winston Healy, Chairman	Term Expires 1947
Beda Langevin	Term Expires 1949
Frank Wells	Term Expires 1947

Chester T. Ray . .	*Superintendent*
Horace Warfield	*Attendance Officer*
Dr. John Olson . .	*School Physician*
Lucie Peterson . . .	*School Nurse*

School Calendar

First Winter Term	Opens January 6, 1947 Closes February 21, 1947
Second Winter Term	Opens March 3, 1947 Closes April 18, 1947
Spring Term	Opens April 28, 1947 Closes June 19, 1947
Fall Term	Opens September 3, 1947 Closes December 19, 1947
Winter Term 1948	Opens January 5, 1948

School Holidays

May 30, November 11, two days at Thanksgiving.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Perhaps in keeping with the general unrest and uncertainty of the postwar world, the past year has been an unusually trying one in the Charlemont School System. This has been particularly true in the matter of personnel. Late in Spring, the Superintendent, Alfred E. Kenyon, resigned, followed by the resignation of Verena Taylor from the School Committee. At the same time it became apparent that replacements for the high school principal and three teachers would be needed before school could open in the Fall. In July the Union appointed Chester T. Ray as Superintendent, a very fortunate choice, and through his efforts the new principal, Andrew P. Haan, and the necessary teachers were secured. Winston Healy was appointed to fill the vacancy on the School Committee.

Just as the Fall term was getting underway the Chairman of the Committee, Floyd Creek, resigned. As the most experienced member of the Committee, and one who had given most generously of his time and energy, his loss was keenly felt. The Committee was extremely fortunate, however, in securing Frank J. Wells as his replacement. During the latter part of the year, therefore, the administration of the System has been most harmonious. Thanks to the energy and capability of the Superintendent, principal and the teaching staff the actual educational basis of the School System is well established.

There are several postwar trends which are exerting a marked effect upon the School System. The first of these, of course, is rising costs. Expenses for the year are sharply up over previous years, and probably will continue to be for several more years at least. This trend is apparent in nearly all phases of school operations, and particularly so in the case of salaries. In all fairness it has become necessary to increase teachers' salaries, and a new schedule, involving substantial increases, has been placed in effect as of January 1st. The salary of the custodian, W. C. Turner, has also been increased in keeping with the trend. It should be said, however, that the school has no better friend than Bill, and is fortunate in having a man who discharges his duties so faithfully and competently. It has also been necessary to make certain increases in the cost of transportation of pupils.

Another trend which has become strongly apparent is that toward increasing control of the school by the Commonwealth. This has its base in the financial assistance which the State renders, and, while there is a strong possibility that this assistance will be enlarged, there can be little doubt that the amount of control exercised will be enlarged in proportion. Higher standards are being set for many phases of school operation, including building requirements, transportation and curriculum. These will have to be met, and in most cases will involve additional expenditures by the Town.

This trend was extremely apparent during the Fall when we were forced to install a new boiler under threat of closing down the school. While there was no question that the old boiler needed replacing, the Committee wished to ask for the necessary funds at the regular annual meeting and make the installation in an orderly manner and in line with possible future needs. Actually, however, the Department of Public Safety got tough, and the time and conditions of the boiler replacement were determined by the State rather than by the School Committee.

In general, the past year has been one in which the School System has attempted to get back on an even keel, and to make modest progress. In March the Drum Corps was reactivated, and thanks to the very generous efforts of Messrs. Hallett and Perkins of Shelburne Falls, as well as interested townspeople, it had a successful year.

The cafeteria, under Mrs. Frank Lyman, has also been very successfully operated, considering the limitations of space and equipment. It has closed the year with a small operating profit and returned to the Town the $500 which had been advanced for working capital. It is hoped that small profits can be earned each year, to be spent on improvements in the cafeteria and for badly needed equipment.

Transportation continues to be one of the great problems in administering the school. In the first place, the wisdom of Solomon is required to determine what to do about calling at every doorstep in Town to pick up children. Parents should understand that it is not possible to do this in all cases, and should not feel slighted because it is possible to do it in some. In general the Committee feels that too much door service, or the equivalent, is being given, and that some curtailment is in order. Clarifying

instructions from the Town would be helpful. The increased costs of transportation, and the new State requirements for newer and more elaborate school busses will be increasing sources of difficulty in the next few years.

Early last year the policy of holding a joint meeting of teachers and School Committee was inaugurated. This proved to be a source of very helpful suggestions, and it is hoped that it will be continued for mutual benefit.

Pending final disposition of the East Charlemont schoolhouse, it has been temporarily turned over to the East Charlemont Farmers Club to be used as a community center for that part of Town.

Due to the fact that the present school building is antiquated and seriously inadequate for school needs, the Committee has spent a great deal of time in an attempt to establish a policy which can govern the future course of education in Charlemont. Our conclusions have been made the subject of a special report which has already been published in order that townspeople could digest it in advance of the Annual Meeting. As has been pointed out, the whole question of what kind of schooling we are going to have will be governed, to a considerable extent, by the kind and amount of control which the State will exercise in the future. However, the Town still has a wide latitude of decision for determining its future course, and it is hoped that the 1947 meeting will make the major decisions upon which must rest the future of the Charlemont School System.

Respectfully submitted,

BEDA LANGEVIN

WINSTON HEALY

FRANK J. WELLS

School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR

1946

Regular Appropriation		$26,185.00
Special Boiler Appropriation		2,500.00
Special Supplemental appropriation		2,500.00
Total Appropriations		$31,185.00
Regular Receipts		
Massachusetts School Fund Part I	$ 1,200.00	
Massachusetts School Fund Part II	4,456.38	
Superintendent	902.21	
High School Grant	975.00	
High School Tuition and Trans.	1,000.00	
High School Tuition, Hawley	1,244.00	
High School Tuition, Rowe	156.00	
High School Tuition, Heath	216.00	
High School Tuition, Florida (due)	48.00	
Vocational Education, State refund	50.00	
Total Regular Receipts		$10,247.59
Special Receipt		
Stephen Leonard Fund	53.18	
		53.18
Total Receipts		$10,300.77

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Expenditures — regular		$31,185.00
Expenditures — special	$ 53.18	
Receipts — regular		10,247.59
Receipts — special	53.18	
Net Cost of Dept. to Town		
Special	0	
Regular		$20,937.41

EXPENDITURES

General Control

Alfred R. Kenyon	$ 926.64
Expense	73.38
Chester T. Ray	875.04

Expense	49.15	
Winston Healy	29.12	
Verena Taylor	20.88	
Floyd Creek	41.66	
Frank Wells	8.34	
Beda Langevin	50.00	
Committee Expense (joint com. incl.)	21.57	
Rent of Room in Town Hall	75.00	
		$ 2,170.78

Instruction

Arthur Frellick	$ 1,733.86	
Emma Vincent	1,786.72	
Helen Miazga	1,000.50	
Gladys Clark	1,573.36	
Josephine Bernard	966.64	
Gladys Boutillette	1,720.00	
Helen Higgins	966.64	
Emilia Buijnowski	1,540.00	
Maude Frellick	5.00	
Emma Fiske	30.00	
Thelma Purinton	50.00	
Grace Raymond	60.00	
Andrew Haan	880.00	
Valmore Lafontaine	720.00	
Lois Lloyd	720.00	
Jeanette Sibley	560.00	
Clara Cook	310.00	
Clyde Churchill	50.00	
		$14,672.72

Text Books

John Winston Co.	$ 20.45	
American Book Co.	6.39	
MacMillan Co.	53.19	
South Western Pub. Co.	127.91	
D. C. Heath Co.	137.20	
C. H. Demond Co.	7.30	
Deland's Music Store	12.97	
Wm. Wise & Co.	3.16	
The Nation's Schools	3.00	
Allyn and Bacon Co.	45.41	
Scott Foresman Co.	272.45	
Gregg Publishing Co.	17.02	
World Book Company	.65	
Ginn & Company	8.82	
The Grolier Society	51.03	
Teachers' Research Press	3.07	
		$ 770.02

Supplies

Ginn & Company	$ 2.26	
Northwestern Press	6.02	
T. S. Dennison Co.	2.04	
Drama Guild	1.77	
Gledhill Brothers	93.38	
J. L. Hammett Co.	60.83	
Horace Partridge Co.	56.73	
Cinema Inc.	5.00	
Hotel Supply House	5.55	
The Byam Printing Co.	21.05	
Deland's Music Store	78.70	
C. H. Demond Co.	4.40	
James Perkins	3.07	
Eastern Textile Co.	11.69	
Barrett Baker Co.	39.80	
Cooperative Test Service	7.16	
A. L. Avery	26.53	
Clark Hardware Co.	36.00	
Vinton School Form Co.	20.91	
Science Research Association	19.95	
C. C. Annear	.98	
LaFountaine's Typewriter Exch.	2.00	
Ellis Smith	6.20	
Springfield Office Supply	21.30	
Edward E. Babb Co.	70.79	
Cascade Paper Co.	94.15	
Comm. of Massachusetts	.50	
W. N. Potter Grain Co.	.60	
World Book Co.	38.10	
Beda Langevin	11.26	
E. A. Hall Co.	7.65	
Frank Wells	14.90	
Gladys Boutillette	3.12	
E. A. Hall Co.	38.88	
		$ 813.27

Operation

Janitor Service		
Will C. Turner	$ 1,491.96	
Geraldine Lyman	172.00	
Candice Tower	26.00	
		$ 1,689.96

Fuel

W. N. Potter Grain Co.	$ 298.09	
S. K. Nelson Co.	36.00	
Charles Wakefield	30.50	
Aubrey Rice	6.00	
		$ 370.59

Miscellaneous

H. Newell Co.	$ 6.78	
Walter Baker	4.20	
N. Berkshire Gas Co.	190.30	
N. Berkshire Gas Co.	22.25	
Clark Hardware Co.	1.95	
Walter Henderson	7.50	
Herman Harris	16.50	
Masury Young Co.	21.37	
Crystol Lustre Co.	70.80	
Frank Wells	10.48	
L. R. Dunlop	20.25	
Charles Wakefield	48.82	
Holcomb Manf. Co.	59.04	
Carl Mitchell Co.	1.80	
A. L. Avery	20.47	
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.	23.13	
Du Ev Products Co.	37.58	
Water Rent	10.00	
		$ 573.26

Maintenance

Frank Wells	$ 4.79	
H. C. Simmons & Sons	46.50	
Will C. Turner	12.00	
Herman Harris	7.50	
A. F. Gingras	8.75	
J. F. Woffendon	277.40	
Ellsworth Service Station	2.18	
S. G. Gould	2,196.57	
C. H. Willey	257.50	
Highway Dept. - Charlemont	33.70	
Aubrey Rice	4.00	
Walter Henderson	3.00	
Roscoe Fisk	2.50	
Will Turner	.50	
D. A. Lanoue	54.11	
Charles E. Shaw	23.50	
M. N. Smith & Sons	3.50	
		$ 2,938.00

Outlay

New Equipment		
Barrett & Baker	$ 73.05	
R. W. Hoyt	22.75	
Gledhill Bros.	15.32	
Gribbon's Music House	38.00	
Lafountaine's Typewriter Exch.	80.36	
M. C. Gould	27.00	
Royal Typewriter Co.	163.17	
Herman Harris	137.99	
Cascade Paper Co.	66.43	
Springfield Office Supply Co.	90.00	
		$ 714.07

Other Agencies

Transportation		
Chester H. Willey	$ 1,187.00	
Arthur Gingras	1,815.50	
W. P. Pierson	1,146.00	
Roy Hicks	764.00	
Harold Burt	429.00	
Irwin Harris	475.50	
James Sherman	147.00	
David Knott	64.00	
		$ 6,028.00

Health

Red Cross Nursing Service	$ 62.50	
Baker Pharmacy	13.67	
Franklin Co. Hospital	61.50	
Alberta Whidden	30.00	
John Olson, M. D.	75.00	
		$ 242.67

Tuition

Town of Greenfield	$ 4.20	
Town of Shelburne	154.95	
		$ 159.15

Sundries

M. C. Gould	$ 1.75	
Cinema Inc.	13.19	
Shaw the Florist	6.30	
LaFountaine's Typewriter Exch.	74.45	
		$ 95.69

RECAPITULATION WITH ESTIMATE FOR 1947

Items	Expenditures 1945	Needed—1947 1946	1947
General Control	$ 2,056.21	$ 2,170.78	$ 2,300.00
Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	12,252.28	14,672.72	17,020.00
Textbooks	486.14	770.02	800.00
Supplies	1,678.18	813.27	900.00
Operation			
Janitor Service	1,326.54	1,689.96	1,720.00
Fuel	488.42	370.59	380.00
Light, Power, Misc.	747.56	573.26	1,200.00
Maintenance			
Repairs and Replacements	248.33	2,938.00	900.00
Outlay			
Building and Grounds	0	0	50.00
New Equipment	0	714.07	350.00
Other Agencies			
Transportation	5,632.50	6,028.00	6,500.00
Health	100.00	242.67	350.00
Tuition	168.42	159.15	200.00
Sundries		95.69	100.00
	$25,184.58	$31,185.00	$32,770.00
Stephen Leonard Fund		53.18	53.18
Totals	$25,184.58	$31,238.18	$32,823.18

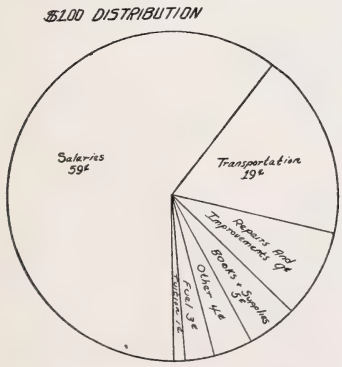
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of the Town of Charlemont:

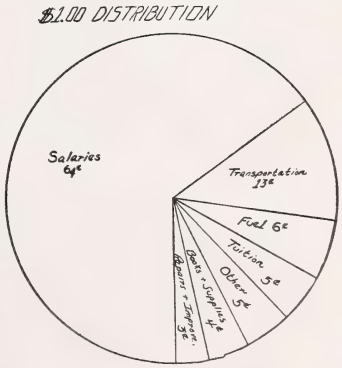
My first annual report as Superintendent of Schools is submitted for your consideration.

The past year has been difficult in many respects for our schools. The resignation of your Superintendent, High School Principal, and three teachers to accept other positions confronted your new superintendent with a real summer problem. It is with sincere appreciation to the new members of our personnel, as well as those loyal people who continued with us, that I wish to express my thanks. We were able to open school on time and to continue our faculty intact for the first four months of the new year, which is very satisfying in this time of teacher salary questions that are arising all around us.

We are faced with the problem of adequate school support for the future, as you may be well aware from our budget estimate for next year. Our chief concern is in the direction of adequate salaries as compared with our neighboring communities. The salary estimate is based upon a new salary schedule that is in line with other towns of this area. You may be interested in comparing how our school dollar is spent with respect to 17 neighboring communities.



CHARLEMONT DOLLAR



17 NEIGHBORING TOWNS DOLLAR

The above table of comparison is approximate for the past school year and will be greatly changed for 1947. It

is sometimes a good thing to make a cost comparison, however, for our own satisfaction. The item farthest out of line, as will be noted, is the repair and improvement expense. This was due to the boiler replacement required by Department of Public Safety this fall. Ordinarily this particular item has been lower than the amount spent in the other communities but for this year we are thrown out of line. A public building is much like a home and needs an annual expenditure of at least 3% for repairs.

In addition to our cost problem we are faced with a pupil housing problem. This particular phase is covered by our earlier supplementary "Report on Our Schools." May I suggest that you read this report carefully, as much time was spent in making suggestions for building improvements? We are seriously in need of additional facilities for the school and I hope that something along this line may be accomplished at the next Town Meeting. A committee to get facts, figures, and the complete picture would be in order.

Some of the changes made at the school this year were a new boiler, replacing one over 40 years old, some work on the boiler room, a change in rooms placing Grades 7 and 8 on the second floor with the Senior High School Grades. In addition, the Science laboratory was moved to the basement where grades 1 and 2 were housed, these grades were moved to the first floor to a much needed larger room. A small office was provided the High School Principal on the second floor and a telephone connection made. Telechron electric clocks were added to several classrooms. A new sub-floor was placed under the stairway landing near the cafeteria as the old floor was unsafe. One set of outside cement steps were straightened and strengthened by resetting. All of these repairs and changes were necessary for the proper operation of the school.

Educationally our teaching staff is strong and I am confident that our boys and girls are being given a good training. There are some improvements necessary with respect to new books in the Social Studies (middle and upper grades), and for music books throughout the school. We were fortunate this year in securing a regular music teacher for the School Union, but naturally she needs the tools with which to work and I hope that they may be provided soon. Another need is a permanent record

system for saving marks and Standard Test scores of pupils in the Grades, that their High School work may be facilitated with proper guidance.

As I have expressed our needs for more room, a physical education program, vocational training for boys and girls in the upper grades in the special report, I will not use more space at this time. These suggested additions are not fads and frills but necessities in a modern functional school system. We should all be acquainted with these needs and do what we can to help the situation improve.

A word about School Costs:

Up to this point my report has been on the expense and need side of the picture but there is some brightness on the other side. There is legislation ready to present to the new State Legislature early in the Spring that helps the situation. At present the average amount of revenue returned by the State for school operation is about 10%, while under the new bill this will be equalized to the extent of about 48%. The coming year would be our poorest year as the amounts increase for the next two years to the point where an improved school with a higher cost would actually cost less, from local taxation, than we raise today. Such legislation has been urgently needed for several years and I suggest that you follow this bill's progress. With no right to prophesy, I do believe that we will receive more State Aid and thus reduce our over-all costs. It is with this conclusion that I submit this report.

In appreciation:

To the School Committee, local townspeople who helped provide and install our new boiler, and our considerate school custodian, may I express my thanks. To these and all others who have helped make our program function I have but one hope and that is that I can merit their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER T. RAY,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Citizens of Charlemont:

The Faculty

Mr. Andrew P. Haan, Principal—Mathematics, Science.

Miss Gladys Boutillette—Business Training, Athletics.

Mr. Valmore Lefontaine—English, French, Latin, Geography.

Mrs. Lois Lloyd—English, Dramatics.

Mrs. Emma Vincent—History, Social Studies, Household Arts.

Enrollment for 1946-'47

	Boys	Girls	Total
Seventh Grade	4	11	15
Eighth Grade	7	8	15
Freshmen	4	4	8
Sophomores	4	7	11
Juniors	8	6	14
Seniors	3	8	11
	30	44	74
Left by moving	1	2	3
Total	29	42	71

We now have three distinct courses of instruction to choose from, each with its special objective. These are the College Preparatory, General, and Business or Commercial courses. In a farming community we offer no course in Agriculture, and have no place to give it if we did. Those boys and girls who wish courses in Agriculture must go out of town. There is need for courses in Agriculture and Shop if we are to prevent the dropping off in enrollment at the eighth grade level. We can attract students only if we have the facilities to fulfill their needs.

Athletics. This fall we again became a member of the Franklin County League in basketball. Miss Gladys Boutillette continues to coach the girls team, and Mr. Clyde

Churchill was secured to coach the boys team. It was hoped to secure new uniforms for the girls but the scarcity of materials and their high cost made it inadvisable at this time.

Dramatics. The Senior Class play, put on under the direction of Mrs. Lois Lloyd, to avoid overcrowding in Goodnow Hall was given in the afternoon for the children and in the evening for adults.

The Annual Stunt Night took the form of initiation of the Freshmen and new members of the school by the Senior class. This affair helped to acquaint the new members with the rest of the school.

Assemblies: The eighth grade wished to initiate the seventh grade. This was done in their home room. Later the program was put on for the benefit of the Senior High (9th to 12th) and took the form of a quiz program. The Junior High (7th and 8th) under the direction of their home room teacher, Mrs. Lois Lloyd, and assisted by Miss Gladys Boutillette at the piano, were in charge of the Christmas program. The programs at Halloween and Thanksgiving were under the direction of committees appointed from the high school. The whole school enjoyed an excellent film shown by the superintendent on the manufacture of wood products. It is planned to have more such films in the near future.

Drum Corps. The Drum Corps has participated in several parades during the year, and has made a good showing. There are about twenty-three members. This fall we became a member of the Massachusetts Fifers' and Drummers' Association. Instruments have been repaired. May I urge parents to see that children treat their instruments with care due to their high cost and the difficulty of replacement.

Student Council. A teacher and two students, chosen by the high school, were sent to a Student Council gathering in Holyoke. These students reported back to the school. It is hoped that in the near future a student council can be organized. These groups, if properly supervised, have proved very valuable in teaching school responsibilty and democratic ideas to the students.

Playgrounds. Each week a teacher is appointed to supervise the playground during the noon hour. There is a real need for a trained playground instructor or a teacher

to plan the whole athletic program. If the union can share the expense of a music teacher, would it not be possible for the union to share the expense of a physical education instructor and all share the benefits?

Fire Drills. The monthly fire drills have been held. We have cleared the whole building in forty seconds and believe this record can be lowered. Bells should be installed in the cafeteria and laboratory as the present alarm cannot be heard in these rooms.

Improvements

Just before school opened the first and second grades were moved from the basement to the first floor on the East side, and the laboratory took its place. The seventh and eighth grades were moved into the former laboratory. This made possible the installation of gas in the laboratory to replace the alcohol lamps formerly used.

The old boiler did not pass inspection this fall and had to be replaced by a new one. We received very good co-operation from all those concerned in its installation so that only two days of school were lost.

Part of the upstairs corridor was made into a Principal's office and a telephone installed. This gave a place for privacy in meeting students and those who wished to see the Principal on business. There is a girl in the office each period to answer the telephone and receive callers. The commercial students under the direction of their teacher have done almost all of the clerical work connected with the office.

Mr. Turner, the janitor, has installed a bulletin board near the front entrance. He has also set up exit signs, over the main doors, which were lettered by Shirley Raymond.

Several of our student body had two weeks off to help pick up potatoes this fall. Unfortunately there were a few who abused their privileges, and did not keep up their school work, and looked upon picking up potatoes as a way to earn money (as indeed it was) and not as a chance to help the potato grower. Parents will do much to make the teacher's task easier if they insist that work be done on time, and the child is in school unless sick.

The teachers at the school have shown a fine spirit of co-operation. The children of the school have readily accepted responsibility and made it a pleasure to serve them.

May I take this time to thank you, Mr. Ray, and the school committee for your co-operation in school affairs. The people of the Union have made it very pleasant for me here. Please visit your school. We shall be glad to see you.

Respectively submitted,

ANDREW P. HAAN,
Principal.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To Superintendent Chester Ray:

In April all students of the high school and the seventh and eighth grades of the elementary school were given x-ray examinations for tuberculosis. This program was brought to the school under the sponsorship of the State Department of Public Health, the Franklin County Public Health Association, the Charlemont School Committee and the Charlemont Board of Health. Cost of the film used was defrayed by the annual Christmas seal sale. Two motion picture films explaining the prevention of T.B. were shown to the student body by Miss Elsie Smith who also spoke on the subject. All students x-rayed were found to be free of T.B. This program was done as a demonstration in hopes that the School Committee would appropriate funds so that x-rays could be given every three years. Quoting the National Tuberculosis Association, "The principal resistances to effective tuberculosis control come today from the indifference of the general public toward tuberculosis, a principal destroyer of its youth, from superstitious and fatalistic attitudes toward physical examination, and from the reluctance of appropriating bodies to pay the necessary costs of a wholly effective program. If, as and when a majority of the public decides that the eradication of tuberculosis will cost less than the disease now costs, and that it would make better sense than present costly indifference, tuberculosis can be made as rare, at least, as yellow fever has become in civilized communities. In a democracy, health measures, like other items of government, rest upon the consent of the governed. Drastic legislation does not lessen health hazards unless it has public approval and support."

In the spring Dr. George Gould, assisted by the nurse, conducted a diphtheria toxoid clinic, at which 39 children

were given injections of diphtheria toxoid. Since this clinic the state department of public health has issued a warning stating that diphtheria is increasing in the state and urging that all children be immunized.

All children in the school have had hearing tested with the audiometer loaned by the State Department of Public Health. Those found to have some hearing loss were taken to the Clark School in Northampton for a final test. Three were recommended for private lip reading instruction.

In July 50 attended the well child conference for preschool children. Dr. Alexander Nadas, pediatrician of Greenfield was the examining physician. Mrs. Gerda Horst of the State Department of Public Health was nutritionist. Other interested persons helped to make the conference a success. The plan of these conferences is not to treat sick children, but to try to have every preschool child seen at least once a year by a physician to be sure that each child has no remediable defects, to be sure that each child is receiving the right kind of food, to advise mothers whose children may have habit training problems, and to urge immunization of children against whooping cough, diphtheria, smallpox and tetanus.

Dr. Glade Hall of Florence, Mass conducted a dental clinic through the cooperation of the American Red Cross and the local school committee and board of health. As a whole the children's teeth are much improved since the clinic has been conducted here the past few years.

Periodic health inspections of the school children have been made, and children with minor conditions have been sent home.

Dr. John Olson of Colrain, assisted by Mrs. Alberta Whidden, R. N. did the annual physical examinations.

A considerable number of home visits have been made in follow up of findings at last year's examinations, vision and hearing tests.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the spirit of cooperation as shown on the part of town officials, interested citizens, parents and teacners.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIE PETERSON, R. N.

American Red Cross
Public Health Nurse.

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE

October 1, 1946

Grade	Age 5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
1	1	16	4	3												24
2		2	8	5	1		1									17
3			1	7	5		1	1								15
4				1	6	4										11
5					1	5	4	5								15
6						2	11	3		1						17
7							1	4	6	2	2					15
8								1	6	6	2					15
9									2	2	3	1				8
10										5	1	2	3			11
11											5	5	3			13
12											1	3	5	1	1	11
	1	18	13	16	13	11	18	14	14	16	14	11	11	1	1	172

Registration of Minors

Age Groups	5 to 7	7 to 14	Total
Boys	17	59	76
Girls	16	57	73
Totals	33	116	149
Distribution on Pub. Sch.	19	115	134
In Private Schools	0	0	0
In Vocational Schools	0	0	0
Not in School	14	1	15
Totals	33	116	149

1946 GRADUATION PROGRAM

CLASS MOTTO

Launched But Not Anchored

CLASS COLORS

Red and White

CLASS FLOWER

Red Rose

CLASS ROLL

Julia Burnett
Eunice Burt
Alton Fitzroy
Marjorie Gould
Helen Hicks
Philis Howes
David Knott
Dorothy Lemay
Willard Pierce
Patricia Putney
Floyd Taylor
Vivian VanDeusen

CLASS OFFICERS

Julia Burnett, President
Dorothy Lemay, Vice President
Helen Hicks, Secretary
Eunice Burt, Treasurer

FACULTY

Arthur L. Frellick, Principal
Mrs. Emma B. Vincent
Miss Helen M. Miazga
Miss Helen R. Higgins
Miss Gladys A. Boutillette

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Alfred R. Kenyon

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Floyd Creek, Chairman
Mrs. Theron Taylor, Sr.
Mrs. Harold Langevin

PROGRAM

Processional ..... March
Lurena Purinton, Pianist
Invocation ..... Rev. William H. Wakefield
Song, "Aloha" ..... High School
Salutatory "Patriotism" ..... Marjorie Gould
Class History ..... Julia Burnett
Class Prophecy ..... Patrica Putney - Eunice Burt
Class Will ..... Dorothy Lemay - Phyllis Howes
Presentation of Gifts ..... Helen Hicks — Vivian VanDeusen
Valedictory, "Onward to a Lasting Peace" ..... David Knott
Song, "Morning Invitation" ..... High School
Presentation of Awards
Legion ..... Roy Breen, Commander
School ..... Arthur L. Frellick, Principal
Diplomas ..... Alfred R. Kenyon, Supt.
Commencement Song ..... Class of 1946
Benediction ..... Rev. William H. Wakefield
Receiving Line

ASSESSORS' REPORT, 1946

REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS

Adams, Mrs. Dorothy	$1,350
Adams, James C.	3,300
Adler, Pearl I.	950
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B.	300
Ahola, Weino	600
Albee, John E.	400
Aldrich, Allie C.	1,800
Anderson, Mrs. Andres	700
Anderson, Mrs. Esther T.	300
Anderson, Raymond	400
Andrews, Bertha M.	600
Andrews, Warren & Irene	400
Angelli, Augusto	1,800
Angelli, Charles	2,450
Annear, Cyrus C. & Lillian W.	1,850
Ashton, Francis E.	700
Atkins, Ralph E. & Doris B.	900
Avery, Burton W.	5,450
Avery, Francis W.	5,560
Avery, Henry L.	8,450
Avery, Mabel J.	50
Avery, Oscar C. Est.	15,250
Ballard, Ruth K., Barbara H. & David R.	3,475
Barnes, Benjamin W.	3,000
Barnes, Daniel T.	400
Baxter, Charles M.	455
Bemis, Harry	7,300
Bicknell, Fred O.	2,750
Binder, Virginia S.	400
Bliss, Edna L.	1,280
Bolton, George L.	2,100
Booth, Robert	150
Booth, William H.	550
Boston & Maine Railroad	7,000
Boullie, William J. & Anna T.	2,000
Breen, Roy H.	2,000
Bremer, Ruth M.	1,180
Brown, Fred C.	3,050

Burger, Celia L.	900
Burnett, Wilbur L.	1,385
Burrington, Anna M.	700
Burt, William R.	1,575
Burt, Harold A. & Maria	1,525
Cali, Sebastino & Mary	5,000
Canedy, Jennie	2,200
Canedy, Rosa A.	2,200
Carpenter, Mary L.	2,250
Cassidy, George E.	1,500
Cetto, Enrico	1,300
Charlemont Wood Products Co., Inc.	6,550
Churchill, Charles S.	2,150
Churchill, Merritt H.	150
Clark, Mrs. Cora	5,200
Clark, Mrs. Margaret	400
Clark, Mrs. Inez T.	3,180
Clark, Francis, Horace & Lawrence	700
Coates, Allen M. & Sylvia	250
Cook, Helen H.	1,900
Cooley, Olive A.	1,700
Converse, Edward F. & Nellie T.	5,100
Creek, Floyd B. & Flora B.	5,750
Crocker, Jennie M.	700
Daly, Aristides K.	7,100
Davenport, Albert W.	700
Davenport, Carlton P.	400
Davenport, Louis A.	250
Davenport, William A.	400
Dean, Russell & Irene	675
Dennis, Lot & Rowe, Frederick	4,150
Dickinson, Robert F.	12,990
Dickinson, Alice G.	1,800
Dickinson, Richard	250
Dickinson, Edgar G.	240
Dimick, John	2,835
Eagan, John G. & Alice V.	2,475
Earle, Ralph	450
Ellsworth, Bernice S.	1,000
Ellsworth, Horace E.	200
Ellsworth, Bernice S. & Horace E.	1,375

Farrington, Arthur W.	900
Feder, Sidney J. & Ethel	2,320
Fife, Sanford H.	5,600
Fisk, Roscoe R.	5,020
Flanders, Luther	1,000
Foliated Talc Co.	200
Ford, Walter H.	7,670
Ford, Arthur	4,700
Freeman, Walter & Eva A.	1,700
Frary, Eliza N.	2,300
Fuller, Alice	1,200
Gibson, Herbert F. & Constance D.	2,500
Gilbert, Edward	3,150
Gilbert, Clifford J.	50
Gingrass, Alfred F.	7,650
Gould, Grace C.	3,800
Gould, Arden D.	2,850
Graff, Edward P. & Mary F.	2,225
Greider, Helen M. & Borkland, Ruth	3,150
Grover, Albina J.	3,650
Hager, Orlo J.	2,200
Hallihan, William E.	2,955
Harman, James B.	2,100
Harrington, Henry L.	1,100
Harris, Ethel M.	630
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E.	2,500
Harris, Herman F.	650
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G.	1,125
Harris, Herbert R.	1,300
Harris, Ralph E. Est.	100
Harris, Irvin J.	650
Harker, Mason E.	6,500
Hartwell, Ernest E.	2,100
Harwood, Fannie E.	2,650
Harvey, Charles F. & Lillian F.	5,565
Hathaway, Arthur L.	1,300
Hawkes, Harry F.	6,150
Hawkes, Maria Est.	1400
Hawkes, Norman W. & Ruth S.	5,070
Healy, John J.	24,090
Healy, Winston	3,450
Heist, Claud W.	1,400
Heist, Hannah M.	2,280
Heist, Paul E. & Phyllis L.	955
Henderson, Walter A. & Lenabel H.	1,800

Hicks, Roy A.	2,175
Hicks, Ray C.	1,865
Halligan, Burdette J. & Mabel D.	1,150
Hunkler, Lawrence	750
Hunkler, Frank	1.570
Hunt, Blanche L.	1,800
Irving, Lawrence & Selma	675
Jenkins, Howard R. & Beulah E.	1,750
Johnson, Marshall A. & Rebecca P.	3,895
Kennedy, Cecil H.	18,075
Kendrick, Amy T.	3,570
King, Mrs. Grace	7,550
Kirchleckner, Frank	515
Koonchaug Building Assn.	1,000
Kort. Antone, heirs or devisees	350
Lanoue, D. Ambrose & Eva M.	7,600
Leazer, William	800
Lees, Mrs. Minnie	850
Legate, Annie S.	450
Legate, Ida L.	4,200
Legate, Harry F.	2,600
Leland, Harold A.	2,100
Leland, Samuel B.	595
Lemay, Israel G.	1,900
Liese, Jessie E.	4,720
Long, David	1,500
Lilly, Sarah	1,000
Lincoln, Lulu B.	2,400
Lively, Levi & Mary E.	3,500
Lyman, Geraldine H.	4,650
Lynch, John W. & Edith B.	3,380
Malcolm, David J.	4,000
Mann, T. S. Lumber Co.	2,525
Marcy, Mrs. Mary	400
Martin, Edward H. & Ruby T.	1,700
Martin, Carroll	50
Mathys, George L.	1,300
Maynard, Earl O.	1,500
McHaffie, John W.	900
Merrill, Roy S.	2,850
Merrill, Philip	1,100
Miller, Helen W.	2,150

Moors, Ethel P.	700
Moriarty, John M.	1,700
Moriarty, John M. & Evelyn F.	3,000
Murtha, Francis P. & Lillian L.	560
Murray, Harold E.	2,565
New England Box Co.	5,300
New England Power Co.	62,900
Newton, Evans K.	790
Norwood, Harry S. & Marion L.	1,200
Oakes, Daniel M.	1,400
Osborne, Mrs. Lucy	4,300
Payne, Ernest W. & Mabel S.	3,300
Parker, James L. & Ruby Lenora	2,020
Pease, Irving A. & Ethel N.	1,050
Peck Lumber Co.	1,000
Perry, Mrs. Elsie	150
Perdinis, O. S. & Son	300
Pierson, William D.	6,355
Pike, Alfred W. & Alice K.	3,850
Pike, Frank & Alley, Maud S.	3,520
Pitman, Mrs. Elise	2,260
Pleshaw, Charles	1,150
Potter, W. N. Grain Stores, Inc.	10,175
Pratt, Clement L.	150
Pratt, Mrs. Alice	1,900
Purinton, Albert T.	1,350
Purinton, Richard D. & Myrtle L.	1,900
Purrington, Gordon	600
Purrington, George R. & Agnes C.	160
Rice, Aubrey L. & Amelia A.	3,800
Rice, Mrs. Alice	750
Rice, William C.	2,350
Richards, Mrs. Sarah A. F.	1,600
Richardson, Lester R.	200
Richmond, Burk E.	2,290
Rivers, Mrs. Rena	3,600
Robinson, Clara T.	1,755
Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield	900
Ryan, Helena T.	1,150
Sampson, Albert A.	3,950
Sandri, Arcilo	2,450
Sears, Edwin W.	3,800

Sears, Mabel V.	2,640
Sears, Jennie Z. Est.	25
Shaw, Lincoln H.	340
Shaw, Marlyn R.	800
Shaw, Harry P.	150
Shaw, Ann Eliza	3,250
Shaw, Ballard G. & Ella	4,100
Sherman, James M.	580
Sherman, James M., Jr.	300
Sherman, Elmer L.	1,030
Sherman, Cecil	250
Shultz, James, Harold & Dorothy A.	9,010
Shultz, James E. & Edith I.	2,700
Simmons, Mary W.	250
Simmons, Arthur A. & Clara	1,000
Slaunwhite, Stewart	2,320
Smart, Fred A.	3,600
Smith, Walter H. & Lavernie C.	1,750
Smith, S. Elizabeth	2,700
Smith, Herbert E.	1,700
Smith, George E. & Violet	3,975
Snead, W. Hunter & Marjorie Titus	3,000
Spear, Elbert F.	3,450
Stafford, Chauncy K. & Helen M.	2,800
Stafford, Frank E.	3,000
Stacy, Helen B.	200
Starr, Nellie	600
Streeter, Charles E.	2,800
Sykes, Robert R.	250
Tarvin, James E. & Lena W.	4,500
Taylor, Archie F.	350
Taylor, Hattie S. Est.	1,440
Taylor, Theron S.	3,900
Teahan, Roscoe W.	1,400
Temple, John B.	300
Thayer, Fordyce A.	3,380
Thompson, Mrs. Jane	2,700
Tinney, Floyd O. & Leona	1,050
Tinney, Lawrence S.	150
Tinney, Erwin J.	1,250
Tower, Cadence M.	5,330
Tower, Mabel A.	3,300
Trustees Congregational Society	650
Trustees I. O. O. F.	3,500
Trustees Leavitt Cemetery	300
Turner, Dora E. & Leon	3,000

Turner, Christine M.	9,150
Turner, William C.	1,900
Tullis, Nellie J.	100
Underwood, George Jr.	100
VanNostrand, Lawrence H.	3,300
Varnum, Chester	1,220
Veber, Gilbert L.	850
Vincent, Leslie I.	2,350
Vosburg, Claud E.	2,275
Wales, Doris R.	950
Walsh, Mary E.	1,100
Warfield, Horace E.	8,325
Warner, Fred	3,400
Warriner, Bertha M.	800
Wells, Frank J.	10,850
Wells, Alice L.	2,500
Western New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	3,100
Wheeler, Daniel G.	2,275
Whipple, Olen E. & Ruth McFall	5,200
White, Harold D.	60
Wilbur, Stephen C.	1,700
Willard, James R.	4,025
Woitkowski, Mrs. Viola	500
Willey, Chester H.	24,210
Young, Florence	2,830

PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS

Adams, Mrs. Dorothy	$ 100
Adams, James C.	400
Aldrich, Allie	100
Adler, Carl	150
Anderson, Mrs. Andres	100
Andrews, Mrs. Bertha	35
Andrews, Warren	70
Angeli, Augusto	70
Angeli, Charles	393
Avery, A. L. & Son	8,540
Avery, Francis W.	810
Ballard, David K.	465

Baxter, Charles M.	195
Bremer, Hugo	210
Brown, Fred C.	125
Booth, Robert	50
Burdick, Gertrude	70
Burnett, Wilbur L.	338
Burt, William R.	1,960
Cassidy, George E.	150
Charlemont Wood Products Co.	150
Charles, Frederick A.	200
Creek, Floyd	360
Daly, Artistides	350
Davenport, Louis	40
Dickinson, Alice G.	65
Dimick, John	95
Dunlop, Leslie	150
Eagan, John J. & Alice V.	100
Ellsworth, Horace E.	400
Fife, Sanford H.	90
Fisk, Roscoe R.	1,000
Gardner, A. L.	390
Gilbert, Charles	100
Gilbert, Edward	150
Gingrass, Alfred	1,000
Gould, Syril G.	1,500
Gould, Eddyce	200
Gould, Dr. George K.	200
Hager, Verne E.	620
Hallihan, William E.	1,500
Hawkes, Harry	900
Hawkes, Norman	155
Harris, Herbert	335
Harris, Herman	515
Harris, Alfred E.	1,815
Harvey, Charles F.	1,110
Healey, Winston	1,405
Healy, John J.	170
Heist, Paul E.	85
Hicks, Ray C.	1,675
Hicks, Roy	850

Jenkins, Howard	500
Johnson, Marshall A.	835
Joy, Jessie	10
Kendrick, Mrs. Amy T.	1,265
Kennedy, Cecil H.	3,400
Kirchleckner, Frank	105
Kratt, Arthur D.	30
Lamore, Herbie	330
Lanoue, D. Ambrose	150
Langevin, Harold D.	500
Lyman, Frank O.	165
Mathews, Dr. W. C.	100
Mathys, George	100
McLean, Harold W.	400
Miller, Helen W.	300
Moriarty, John M.	500
New England Power Co.	7,240
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	20,850
Newton, Myron	60
Northern Berkshire Gas Co.	25,000
Pierson, William D.	3,470
Pike, Frank	150
Pitman, Laurence M.	125
Potter, W. N. Grain Stores, Inc.	350
Purinton, Albert T.	700
Purinton. Harry L.	175
Purinton, Richard	120
Rice, Aubrey L.	360
Richmond, Burke	50
Robinson, Thurman	130
Sampson, Albert T.	350
Sears, Clarence	65
Sears, Edwin	120
Sears, Francis	1,320
Sherman, Elmer L.	30
Shultz, Harold	1,490
Simmons, Mary	200
Slaunwhite, Stewart	1,310
Smith, Walter H.	25
Stanford, Henry	168
Starks, William	35

Streeter, Charles E.	145
Sylvester, L. E.	40
Taylor, Archie	190
Thayer, Fordyce E.	1,265
Tinney, Floyd	220
Tinney, Lawrence	95
Tower, Edgar D.	585
Vincent, Leslie	700
Vosburg, Claude E.	200
Warfield, Horace E.	810
Wells, Frank J.	4,100
Wheeler, Daniel G.	298
Western Union Tel. Co.	3,700
Whipple, Olen	560
Whittaker, Ernest	120
Willard, James R.	910
Willey, Chester H.	8,500
Wojtkowski, Mrs. Viola	150

Number of Polls Assessed	207
Number of Horses Assessed	70
Number of Cattle Assessed	427
Number of Sheep Assessed	9
Number of Swine Assessed	2
Number of Goats Assessed	5
Number of Fowl Assessed	6,110
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	250
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,082
Assessed Value of Personal Estate	$127,427
Assessed Value of Real Estate	$777,115
Total Valuation	$904,542
Tax Rate	$35 per 1,000
Number of Excise Commitments	7
Number of Motor Vehicles	378
Value of Motor Vehicles	$47,750
Excise	$1,290.63

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. AVERY

WINIFRED E. SPEAR

Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1946

The year 1946 has been a busy one, the new tax bill required much explaining, and the fact that there have been many sales of real estate, which made more work, the seller usually paid part of the tax, and the buyer part, and some times it seemed as if neither were willing to do this, most of these cases have been collected, but not all. In regard to the Motor Excise Taxes, it is impossible for the Collector to collect a tax, until the Assessors give him a warrant; this year I did not get a warrant on any pick-up or trucks, until August 1, 1946. These trucks were registered for the most part on January 1, 1946. It is not the fault of the Assessors or the Tax Collector, but clearly up to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or Long's office; something should be done to change this, so that the Collector can send his bills out earlier in the year. The last Motor Excise warrant came to me on December 26, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED O. BICKNELL,

Collector of Taxes.

UNPAID TAXES

1942—One Poll Tax	$ 2.00	
1943—One Poll Tax	2.00	
1944—Two Poll Taxes	4.00	
1944—Personal Property Tax	12.05	
1944—Real Estate Tax	4.83	
1945—Poll Taxes	12.00	
1945—Personal Property Tax	25.53	
1945—Motor Excise Taxes	4.85	
1946—Poll Taxes	32.00	
1946—Personal Property Tax	168.54	
1946—Real Estate Tax	1,556.96	
1946—Motor Excise Tax	175.91	
Total Outstanding Taxes		$ 2,043.35

Annual Report of the Charlemont FIRE DEPARTMENT

The following calls were received during the past year:

15 Town Calls.
6 Out of Town Calls.

This is about the same as last year, except that there was one less town call and one more out of town call. We were very fortunate in having only one serious fire and that could have been less serious if there had been an ample water supply.

During the past year we have been quite fortunate in adding eight ex-service men to our list of members, which brings our total membership to thirty-one, of which the Town should be quite proud. Especially in regard to the efficiency and promptness in responding to calls. It has been shown in the outcome of the fires in Town that could have been quite serious if it had not been for the training and promptness of the department members.

The purchase of the gas masks have been of great value to the Department, as they have been put to good use at a number of fires and they have been greatly appreciated by the members. The purchase of equipment such as Wy's reducers, and nozzles have brought our equipment to a very high standard for a town of this size. There is one suggestion that the purchase of C02 Extinguisher would be of great help in combating electrical and oil fires.

The Department meets as usual on the second Monday of every month with a very good average attendance. During the summer months the Department was very fortunate in getting Capt. Ackerman of the Greenfield Fire Department in putting on a Ten Week Fireman training Course, which was for the new members—also a good refresher course for the regular members.

The club rooms over the station have been greatly improved by the finishing of the room over the boiler room. There is one suggestion that should be taken into

consideration, and that is to have the building caulked. When finished this would make a great difference in the expense of heating the building.

Again on Christmas Eve as in the past the Department and all who wished sang Christmas Carols to all the "shut ins" and I am very sure that they were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS C. ANNEAR,
Secretary and Treasurer C. F. D. A.

Report of LIBRARIAN

After seventeen years of service as Librarian, Mrs. LaVernie L. Smith resigned on October 1st.

New features at the Library are the circulation of Pocket Books, to meet the needs of Mystery Story fans, and of Jig Saw Puzzles, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Lively Mr. George Frary, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bicknell.

Because of the increased cost of magazines and books, the Library is forced to ask for a larger appropriation for the purchase of books to meet the increasing needs of more readers.

The following number of books and magazines was loaned during the year.

Adult Fiction	3,867
Adult Non-Fiction	384
Juvenile Fiction	1,477
Magazines	517

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH JANE MURRAY,
Librarian.

Report of the PARK COMMISSIONERS

For the past three years very few repairs and no improvements have been made at Memorial Park. Each year several picnics and reunions have been held at the Park, including the large Odd Fellow picnics.

This is an ideal spot for gatherings, rain or shine, with the large grandstand, dining room and exhibition hall providing shelter.

The gatherings of Charlemont Old Home Day Association were cancelled because of war time conditions. It is hoped to renew this event in September, 1947. This year plans are being made to clean out brush and repair the one mile track, so it will be safe to drive on. More trimming is needed in the pine grove, and it is hoped a few fireplaces can be built. To furnish water in the dining hall, a little work will be needed on the water line near the building.

The Sportsmen's Association plans to erect a permanent stand for trap shooting.

Already a few persons have offered their services and machinery to help in the work, but more will be needed.

Respectfully submitted,

AVIS M. CHURCHILL
WILLIAM R. BURT
HARRY F. LEGATE
Park Commissioners.

JURY LIST, 1947

Marshall Johnson
Arthur Hathaway
Aubrey Rice
Payson Stafford
Burton Avery
Fred Gilbert
Charles W. Wakefield
David T. Pierson
Harry L. Purinton
Gerald T. Raymond
Truman W. Robinson
Francis J. Clark
Laurence M. Pitman

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE E. WARFIELD
CHARLES E. STREETER
LAURENCE M. PITMAN

January 1947 Selectmen

EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING, FEB. 4, 1946

Voted to raise and appropriate the following:

1. $ 4,000.00 for Snow Roads and Bridges.
2. 10,000.00 for Old Age Assistance.
3. 1,500.00 for Welfare.
4. 250.00 for Soldier's Benefits.
5. 250.00 for Aid to Dependent Children.
6. 1,200.00 for Town Hall.
7. 1,000.00 for Fire Department.
8. 3,250.00 for Officers' Salaries.
9. 250.00 for Board of Health.
10. 600.00 for Red Cross Nursing Service.
11. 150.00 for Legion Rooms.
12. 100.00 for Memorial Day.

13.	75.00	for Christmas Fund.
14.	100.00	for Bonding Town Officers.
15.	25.00	for Old Cemeteries.
16.	200.00	for Gypsy Moth Suppression.
17.	25.00	for Interest.
18.	337.11	for Library.
19.	180.00	for Tyler Library (from invested Funds).
20.	1,250.00	for Reserve Fund (from Overlay Reserve).
21.	1,250.00	for Miscellaneous
22.	26,185.00	for Schools.
23.	1,089.92	for Bridge Note and Interest.
24.	10,925.00	for Chapter 81.
25.	1,500.00	for Chapter 90 Maintenance.
26.	4,000.00	for Chapter 90 Construction on three Bridges.
27.	4,000.00	for Machinery (from Road Machinery Fund).
28.	500.00	for School Cafeteria.
29.	4,000.00	for Post War Program Fund.
30.	500.00	for Bronze Plaque as an Honor Roll.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

MAY 29, 1946

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $45.00 for the purpose of advertising the Town and surrounding territory through the Pioneer Valley Association.

Article 6. Voted to transfer $400.00 from Welfare to Soldiers' Benefit.

MAY 29th, Adjourned Meeting Completed June 5th

Voted to choose a committee to have charge of the Veterans' Homecoming Celebration and to appropriate $500.00 from available funds in the treasury to cover expense.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 26, 1946

Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $500.00 to the Welfare Account.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOV. 26, 1946

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from available revenue the sum of $2,500.00 for the purchase and installation of a new boiler in School.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate from available revenue the sum of $2,500.00 for necessary school expenses.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate from Machinery Fund the sum of $3,500.00 for Machinery Maintenance and purchase of new equipment.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DEC. 24, 1946

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $2,000.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and Construction.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To either constable of the Town of Charlemont in the County of Franklin: Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the third day of February next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers:

Clerk for one year.
Treasurer for one year.
Selectman for three years.
Assessor for three years.
Assessor for one year.
School Committee Member for three years.
School Committee Member for one year.
Library Trustee for three years.
Tax Collector for one year.
Auditor for one year.
Tree Warden for one year.
Three Constables for one year.
Park Commissioner for three years.

For this purpose the polls will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will close at six o'clock P. M.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Charlemont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Charlemont on Monday, the third day of February next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To act on the report of the Town Officers.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise the following appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee or take any action thereon:

$ 4,000.00	for Snow Roads and Bridges.
11,000.00	for Old Age Assistance.
1,500.00	for Welfare.
1,000.00	for Soldier's Benefits.
1,000.00	for Aid to Dependent Children.
1,122.00	for Street Lights.
324.20	for Town Property Insurance.
250.00	for Workmen's Compensation Insurance.
1,300.00	for Town Hall.
1,000.00	for Fire Department.
3,000.00	for Officers' Salaries.
250.00	for Board of Health.
600.00	for Red Cross Nursing Service.
360.00	for Legion Room.
100.00	for Memorial Day.
75.00	for Christmas Fund.
100.00	for Bonding Town Officers.
25.00	for Old Cemeteries.
200.00	for Gypsy Moth Suppression.
25.00	for Interest.
350.00	for Library.
180.00	for Tyler Library (from Invested Funds)
1,250.00	for Reserve Fund (from Overlay Reserve)
1,250.00	for Miscellaneous.
32,770.00	for Schools.
1,080.00	for Bridge Note and Interest.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated funds in the treasury, a sum of $1,000.00 for Chapter 90 Construction on the Zoar Road and of cement decks on three bridges on the Maxwell Road, or take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of $4,000.00 for the 1947 Machinery Maintenance Fund and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 for the Machinery Maintainance Fund, and for the purchase of new equipment, or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a building committee to act with the School Committee in securing plans and estimates for remodelling the School and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefore, or take any action thereon.

Article 10. (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $700.00 to provide for the collection of garbage and rubbish in the village of Charlemont, or take any action thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the Administration of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children or take any action thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant posting attested copies thereof one each at the Village Postoffice and East Charlemont Church, seven days at least before the date of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of the warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven.

HORACE E. WARFIELD,
CHARLES E. STREETER,
LAURENCE M. PITMAN,
Selectmen of Charlemont.

Notice:—This warrant appears as matter of information only, the regular meeting warrant may include alterations and additions.

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